

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR, JUNE 5, 1977

On Sunday, June 5, 1977, a group of 24 members and friends of the Hammond Historical Society met at the Board of Education Building at Waltham and Hohman at 1:30 p.m. and were transported by bus to the Hammond Water Filtration plant at Calumet Avenue and the lake front. There the group was met by Mr. Sutluff, who is in charge of water quality. The water filtration process was explained before the facilities were toured.

The original plant was built in 1937, an addition in 1957 and the new plant which we toured was built in 1971. Water is brought through a 42 inch pipe a mile out into the lake to an intake well $\frac{1}{2}$ mile out. Low lift pumps bring the water up to filtration level. 12 to 18 million gallons are being treated at once. The water is pumped into mixing and settling basins and four additions are made: 1. alum (aluminum sulfate) to remove silt and sediment; 2. Activated carbon to take out tastes and odors; 3. Chlorine to disinfect and 4. Amonia holds the chlorine to act longer. It goes into mixing basins for 45 minutes and then into settling basins where most of the chemicals settle out in the filters before floride is added to combat tooth decay. It is then stored in a covered storage reservoir until high lift pumps pump it to the city at an average rate of 26 million gallons a day. This process takes $11\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 hours to go through the plant. Close to 100 people work for the department, but 4 men on a shift can now run the plant. Three storage tanks out in the city hold $6\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons of water up in the air: Harrison & 173rd - $2\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons; 165th & Columbia - $1\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons; 169th & Parrish - $2\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons.

The group then had a walk-through tour of the building, returned to the bus, and were transported to the new main firestation at 6110 Calumet Avenue. There the officer in charge demonstrated the equipment carried on the fire trucks in the garage section and then took the group to the control room to watch the calls come in and the equipment be dispatched. The tour returned to Waltham and Hohman Ave. at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Marjorie Sohl
Margaret Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Verlyn Mack
Bert Hindmarch
Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Marx
Mary Ruch
Dorothy Bemisderfer
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Duke

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hayward
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas
Katherine Thegze
Fern Arnold
Mrs. Kantz
Roger Reeder
Nina Cravens
Charles Taggart
Henrietta Gillespie

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1977

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Tuesday, August 9, 1977 at 2 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Sixteen directors attended. Roger Reeder came in spite of a recently broken foot and presented a treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1220.82.

The possibility of offering life memberships was discussed. The committee appointed to work on this presented a suggested scale of dues received from a near-by historical society. After some discussion a motion by Mr. Wilhelm, seconded by Mr. Hanish proposed we set our dues as follows:

- \$ 5.00 for individual or family
- \$ 10.00 for institutions
- \$100.00 for individual life memberships
- \$200.00 for institutional life memberships.

This carried. Then Mr. Wilhelm further moved that the money received from life memberships be deposited in a trust fund and only the interest from this be used. If invested properly, the society would stand to receive more than the \$5.00 annual dues. Seconded by Mrs. Barenie and carried.

A brainstorming session for program ideas produced the following list of ideas:

1. Mr. Artim of Artim Trucking. Had him once.
2. Mayor Klen
3. Someone to talk about Lion Store and Goldblatts
Phil Mossler or Alfred Kaufman or from Rimbach estate.
4. Mr Mueller (Hardware Store)
5. O. E. Bowles
6. E. A. Forest
7. Chamber of Commerce - Historical Publication.
8. Angelo Bertinoli
9. Rev. Jack Hyles
10. Crawford or Bill Beatty or Beatty Machine
11. LaSalle Steel
12. Mike Nau - Hammond Machine Shop
13. Hammond Botanical Gardens
14. Jules Alexander - Father is 103.
15. Clarence Neidow
16. Odd Fellows Lodge - Oldest lodge in Hammond - Mr. Hanish.
17. Tim Galvin - Not well
18. Dr. Congreve, Supt. of schools - Try for Oct. meeting.
19. Lever Bros.
20. American Maize
21. Hammond Credit Bureau - Mr. Ebert to contact.
22. Goodwill Industries 75th Anniversary - Jules Ebert.
23. Letter from Daryl Dunsing on 1916 movie film of 35mm silent
on police and fire dept.
24. Hammond Library - 10 years this Oct. in the new building.
25. Lockwood Laboratories
26. Update on the history of the Hammond Police and Fire Dept.
Gordon Whitney and Bud Purkey.
27. Donate a piano to the library and Mr. Geiger will play drums.
28. NIPSCo - Dean Mitchell

29. Darrell Reed from Indianapolis.
30. Dr. Jim Lane, professor at I.U. Northwest on history of Calumet Region.

The meeting times were set for 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of the months Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb., March and April and the dinner meeting on the third Tuesday of May, 1978.

Roger Reeder was instructed to send in the \$20 fee for a booth at the International Cultural Festival Sept. 10 and 11. Thru the Bulletin an appeal will be made for volunteers to help man the booth those two days.

Mr. Wilhelm presented the ideas being considered for the next publication--a reproduction of the cartoons of about 170 local individuals that appeared in two different books from 1909 and 1927, to be combined with biographies from Dr. Howat's history. A need for volunteers to work on such a publication was expressed. Mr. Backe was suggested and he announced that he was moving to Columbus, Indiana, in the very near future.

Mrs. Umbaugh indicated she was willing to continue to send get well and sympathy cards, but that she needed to be fed some information. A notice to that effect will be put in the Bulletin.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1977
ATTENDANCE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave., Munster,
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Eleanor Sulcer	3424 Garfield Street, Highland
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Grace Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Roger Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Donald F. Backe	New address, 62 Salzburg Blvd, Apt. C. Columbus, Indiana, 47201

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1977

The first meeting of the new year of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, September 18, 1977 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The president, Mrs. Grace Mack welcomed all in attendance. Thirty-one signed the attendance sheet. Each person attending introduced himself and Mrs. Mack read the names of the current officers.

Mrs. Mack then introduced the program of the day, her husband Verlyn Mack, talking about the Mack family. He had traced his family back for six generations, to Class, born in 1717; Dirk, born in 1743; Pieter, born 1776; Pieter, born in 1823; Pieter, born 1849; his father Peter, born 1887; and himself, Verlyn Peter, born 1919 and his son Lance Verlyn, born in 1949. He spoke in more detail about the last three generations, his great grandfather, his grandfather, and his father.

His great grandfather Pieter was a farmer, born in the Netherlands and having 15 children. His grandfather Pieter settled in this area and was elected village president of West Hammond (now Calumet City) in the early 1900's. He ran one of the most corrupt administrations ever recorded and was finally removed from office Aug. 3, 1905 by the Rump Court. Mrs. Mack read some excerpts from the Hammond Daily News of that period telling of the Mack-Taldy Gang and how the dive keepers bribed the police for years. He died in 1923.

His father, Peter (dropped the i from Pieter) was born in 1887. He worked in the packing house, as did most of his brothers. One brother Cornelius lost a leg in an accident there. Peter soon became disenchanted with the hours at the packing house. He ran away and joined the circus as an advance ad. man, posting signs and making contacts. After he married, he settled down in Burnham and worked at the Schrumm Pickle Works in Calumet City and also cut ice for Phil Smidt in the winter. He had seven children, named Virgil, Vivian, Vernon, Velmer, Verlyn, Vaughn and Vincent. His father was a bag man for the syndicate but he took his share before he turned it over. In 1929 they moved from Burnham to Calumet City and in 1933 to Lansing where he died.

Verlyn was born in 1919 in Burnham where he went to school through the 4th grade. He graduated from Douglas in 1933 and Thornton Fractional High School in 1937. He married Grace Baran of East Chicago in 1941 and had a son Lance. He worked at Youngstown and W. B. Conkey, served in the army, was wounded and received the Purple Heart. When he returned to Hammond, he was the first veteran to be hired by the Hammond Fire Department. In 1968 he retired and moved to California where he was treated for cancer. He moved back to Hammond and has remained here since. Mrs. Mack read a sampling of some papers her father had written of what he remembered and saw while on duty in the watchman's tower at State and Hohman. Some of these may be excerpted in future bulletins.

The next meeting was announced for October 16, 1977 when Supt. of Schools, William Congreve, will speak. Cookies and coffee were served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1977
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Nina V. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Street, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Irene Hammond	8535 Manor Drive, Munster
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Ruth B. Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
Sue Miller	6739 Nebraska Avenue, Hammond, Ind.
Barbara Banchick	1115 Cherry Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	
Grace Mack	
Verlyn Mack	
Dorothy Bemisderfer	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1977

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, November 13, 1977 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The president, Mrs. Grace Mack, presided. Forty-one members and friends signed the roster. The secretary read the attached treasurer's report showing a balance on hand of \$1,502.39.

John Wilhelm reported for the committee considering a life time membership for the society. The present dues schedule is \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a family or institution, and one free publication a year. We have six publications so far and hope to have the seventh out by the end of the year--Gordon Whitney's history of the Hammond Fire Department. Using the Indiana Historical Society schedule as a basis: \$15.00 a year dues, 2 to 4 publications a year, and \$250.00 for a lifetime membership, the committee has suggested and the Board has approved to establish \$100.00 for an individual and \$200.00 for an institutional lifetime membership in our society. It will be tax deductible and the fund will be handled by the Hoosier State Bank Trust Department. Only the interest from the principle will be used.

Mrs. Mack introduced the speaker for the day, Dr. Willard J. Congreve, Hammond's Superintendent of Schools who spoke on his impressions of Hammond since he came here in July, 1975. Since he was going to speak candidly, he was grateful that he was being recorded only for posterity and not the press. He was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. In 1928 his folks built a summer home at Long Beach, Michigan. From that date on, almost every week from April to Thanksgiving, they drove thru a part of Hammond getting there and back. About all he could remember about Hammond was the place they always tried to avoid waiting for trains.

Since he has moved here, he has made the following observations:

1. Schools - They are really quite good. Any serious student can get an excellent education by applying himself. The school system has a dedicated staff that has a good relationship with the bargaining staff and exciting things are happening with teachers involved in doing the planning. The system is not without problems but they have a healthy school board that is actively involved in dealing with the problems. e.g. the recent decision to close some schools when they had 25,000 seats and only 19,000 students.
2. City - The city as a whole has a healthy conservatism. The schools have a healthy conservatism. Wallace is innovative with its open-space class rooms; Eggers has a good working integration. Every young person in sixth thru twelfth grade is in an integrated school. Only the 400 some children in Maywood school are not yet integrated. We expect our officials to be open and honest and this is good. Hammond, and maybe the whole state, is too conservative in economic development. Hammond needs to be more actively aggressive in bringing more industry here to fill our land space. Hammond is not really one united city--but a group of areas each with a desire to maintain its separate identity. The placement of Purdue Calumet and Calumet College

in Hammond are very important in the educational and cultural base of the community. We are too dependant on one industry--steel--in the area. We need to diversify.

3. People - This is what makes him want to stay here. There are a lot of people here who care. They still have 75 to 100 people at regular school board meetings. During the open meetings preceeding the school closings, they had 400 to 700 at every meeting. The PTAs here have strength and they support and service the teachers. They provide 50 to \$75,000 a year over and above the school budget. Parent participation on study committees is very good. Industrialists are ready to cooperate. The Bicentennial celebration was well supported and did a marvelous job of establishing the Tricentennial Fund. Hammond has great dreamers. There are also a lot of people here who don't care. We need to recognize that they are here and not let them discourage us. We have real problems with dropouts, drugs, alcoholism, venereal disease, vandalism, and crime. We have too many people who don't want to get involved. We need to help the police and watch out for each other. We don't have the intercity problems solved yet. Latinos can buy houses anyplace but blacks can't. News travels fast here because anybody's business is everybody's business. The problem is getting the straight dope into this communication system. The people here have great potential and a lot of intelligence and committment. They need to be a little more avant garde.

In the question period that followed Dr. Congreve's presentation, he said transportation is a problem in the schools. Open enrollment was tried to help solve the integration problem, but they had only 32 apply. Without a good bus system, they had no way to get there. A dress code for high schools is very difficult now because of the interpretation of the rights of individuals but they do have a city wide student discipline committee trying to deal with it. 40% of the high school graduates here go on to school and 60% go directly into the labor market. They are trying to work toward higher standards and tests for a high school diploma. Junior Colleges have not been considered here yet on a free basis.

Mrs. Mack announced that the next meeting would be in February when we would have a history of WJOB presented by a representative of the station. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Mrs. D. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Mrs. Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Mrs. Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Caroline Hohman	8112 Hohman Avenue, Apt, 3C, Hammond
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1237 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
Edward & Ruth Hayward	6768 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Hanford	15 Roselawn Street, Hammond
Mrs. Ray B. Watts	Lansing, Ill.
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruth	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Ruth B. Whitman	3003 = 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Donald Barnett	4845 Pine Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mrs. Ethel Outler	913 Summer Street, Hammond
Ethel G. Dredge	8659 Manor Drive, Munster
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Alta Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Helen M. Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	
Dr. Willard Congreve	



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**THE
HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
May 1, 1977 to November 13, 1977

Cash on Hand as of April 30, 1977 \$1,436.88

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$790.00
Annual Dinner Money	336.00
Annual Bus Tour Money	36.00
Donation	1.00
Bicentennial Book Commission	52.00

Total Receipts \$1,215.00

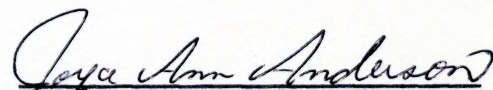
DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 45.00
Newsletter	575.44
Refreshments	25.00
Supplies	19.50
Advertising	15.96
Booth Rental (Culture Fest.)	20.00
Annual Dinner	345.34
Bus Rental	73.00
Membership Gifts	30.25

Total Disbursements \$1,149.49

Cash on Hand as of November 13, 1977 \$1,502.39

Respectfully submitted


Joyce Ann Anderson, Treasurer's Assistant
for Roger Reeder, Treasurer



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1978

The Hammond Historical Society, Inc. met on Sunday, February 12, 1978 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty-one signed the attendance record.

The president, Mrs. Grace Mack, presided. She announced that the new publication of the society, the history of the Hammond Fire Department by Gordon Whitney, was just received from the printer. Those who were at the meeting today were asked to pick up their free copy and sign for its receipt. The remainder will be mailed out to members at our next mailing of the bulletin. Roger Reeder reported a balance of \$2,140.73 and receipt of one life membership at \$100 from John Wilhelm.

Mrs. Mack introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Leroy Hoagland to present a history of radio station WJOB. Mr. Hoagland has been associated with Station WJOB for the last eight years and discovered the early history was hard to find. Some of the records were lost in the changes of management. The present station can be traced back to Mr. Crowley's broadcasting from a dance hall in Joliet in 1923 to promote his bands. In November, 1923 Station WWAE was licensed at 1320. In 1924 Crowley moved the frequency to 1240 and in 1925 broadcast from his home in Plainfield, Illinois. In 1926 it became the Hammond Broadcasting Company with studios in the Hammond Building at Fayette and Hohman where they stayed until 1940. In June of 1940, the station was sold to Mr. Richardson, became WJOB and moved to the Millikan building on State Street. In 1955 it moved to its present location just east of Indianapolis Blvd. and was purchased by its present owner, Julian Colby in 1956. It has 40% more listeners now than WWCA had and has become a great advertising facility. During the Big Band era it was a station carrying the Big Band sounds. It followed the trend in the 40's of faster sounds and went with the slow soft rock of Elvis Presley and the harder rock of the Beatles. No station appeals to every listener. That is why some stations specialize in one kind of music. Over the years, WJOB has tried to be a MOR station--Middle-of-the-Road. They now play soft dancing music, some contemporary rock, but no acid rock.

In a question and answer period, Mr. Hoagland said most commercial time on the radio is sold in 30 second units and priced by the estimated number of listeners at a given time. Most rates are under \$5.00 per thousand listeners. He found no reference to when the broadcasting tower was built but estimated it was probably when the station was moved to its present quarters. The tower remains the highest edifice in Hammond. Reception seems to be good in all directions except south to Cedar Lake. They are not sure of the reason for this. WJOB belongs to no association or network. All programs originate from their studios. They broadcast 24 hours a day except from Sunday midnight to Monday 6 a.m. Mr. Hoagland is the sales manager at WJOB with three salesmen and three saleswomen who call on accounts to sell advertising time on the air. The percentage of repeat customers indicates that they feel that they get results by radio advertising. FM stations are developing faster than expected. They have fewer ads and they charge more for them.

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The AM channels are completely sold out. The prime time hours on radio are what they call the drive time, 6 to 10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. The TV prime time hours are the evening hours. Mr. Hoagland felt hopeful for the future of radio--that it is coming back for purposes of music and news--not as a form of entertainment as in the early days of radio.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with light refreshments served. The next meeting was announced for Sunday, March 19, 1978 with member Bert Hindmarch speaking on Pullman--the man, the city, and the strike.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ATTENDANCE

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Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, 3-C, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Florence E. Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Apt. 19, Highland
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 1, Hammond
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3903 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Mrs. Orville Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Alta Harper	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Mary Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Evainez Jonas	250 Detroit Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Norah J. McFarland	3224 Garfield Street, Highland
Gladys Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Elizabeth Dobos	4746 Cedar Avenue, Hammond
Gustav Dobos	4746 Cedar Street, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Roy Hoagland	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1978

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 19, 1978 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty-six members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Mrs. Mack, president, was unable to attend so the meeting was chaired by Edward Hayward. The treasurer Roger Reeder reported a balance of \$1160.20. The latest publication on the fire department has been paid for and ten new memberships were received today.

Mr. Wilhelm spoke briefly on several concerns of the society. The new publication on the Hammond Fire Department has been distributed to all members in the latest mailing. Membership continues at \$5.00 but the new lifetime membership is available for \$100.00. The next meeting will be April 16 with former Mayor Joe Klen as speaker. The annual dinner meeting is May 16, the third Tuesday in May, place and speaker to be confirmed and announced later. Suggestions for the annual tour in June include one for around Hammond or one to the restored mill at Deep River on Routh 30 at County Line Road.

Mr. Hayward introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Bert Hindmarch speaking on George M. Pullman: the Man, the Car and the Strike. Mr. Hindmarch outlined his early background in the community and interest in architecture, personnel and labor relations. In 1969 he retired from his job in industry with American Steel Foundries and became a full time professor at Purdue Calumet. He was assisted in his program by Fred Fallows, a teacher at Thornton Fractional High School who lives in Pullman.

George Pullman was born in 1831 in New York and took over his father's business in 1853 when his father died. He came to Chicago in 1855. In 1867 he founded the Pullman Car Company. He married Harriett Sanger and they had a daughter Florence and twin sons. Mr. Hindmarch had met and interviewed Florence's daughter. He punctuated his comments with slides of some of the places remaining or restored in Pullman. In 1880, using \$800,000, he bought 4000 acres where Pullman is now located. He hired architect Solomon Spencer Beaman who designed and layed out the town. Pullman determined that he would own the whole town and everything in it should have a 6% return on it. Several of the original buildings have been destroyed including the Arcade, the tower and the station. Buildings that have been or are being restored are the market place, the greenstone church and the Florence Hotel, the only place in town one could get a drink. Mr. Pullman was very concerned about the morals of his workers. Very modest living quarters were built in three story flats with small three room apartments. Many homes in Pullman are being restored now as they are sold to people who agree to keep them in the architecture as designed but restored for modern living quarters.

The Pullman Strike in 1894 was brought on by Pullman's tactics with his workers. He reduced wages 25% but not rents. He deducted rents from their salary before they got their checks. The workers went to the American Railway Union to organize in April. May 7 they were laid off and May 11 the plant closed. A boycott started and by June 21 there were no Pullman cars on any trains. Violence followed and by July 3 Federal troops were called in. By July 12 Samuel Gompers and the AFofL refused to support the strike. Aug. 2 the plant reopened

but none of 500-600 of the strike participants were rehired. Today such a black list is illegal. Three years later, in 1897 George Pullman died and Beaman designed his tombstone in Graceland Cemetery. The company vested itself of the town and the church was sold to the Methodist. The restoration and history of Pullman can be gleaned from outdoor walking tours available the first Sunday of each month starting in May and indoor tours starting in October.

After a question period and adjournment at 3:30, refreshments were served and those in attendance enjoyed looking at Mr. Hindmarch's many pictures.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1978
ATTENDANCE

NAME

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Ruth Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Mrs. H. W. Jens	6612 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Pearl Stenstrom	29 Coolidge Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Roland M. Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
John McMann	6704 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing
Helena Ostrander	17933 Torrence Street, Lansing
Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Anne Szal	838 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Walter Szal	838 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mildred Funk	221 Conkey Street, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6537 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Avenue, Hammond
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Thomas E. Rutkowski	
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Della Watkins	7228 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Martha Prendergast	7136 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred H. Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Mrs. Arthur Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, HammondM
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
E. B. Hayward	
John F. Wilhelm	
R. B. Miller	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1978

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 16, 1978 at 2 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. In the absence of the president, recovering from injury in an automobile accident, Edward Hayward presided. 46 members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Marjorie Sohl announced for Bert Hindmarch the meeting next Saturday, April 22, the meeting of the Monon Railroad Historical Society at Purdue Calumet. All railroad buffs and anyone interested was invited to attend. Roger Reeder reported a balance of \$1082.55 in the treasury and that 65 firemen had joined the society with the recent publication of the history of the fire department.

Because the speaker arranged for today's meeting was unable to attend, Mr. Hayward agreed to give some background information on the Calumet Room and then invite the membership to browse around in it and see what a wealth of materials are being collected and organized by Florence Cleveland.

The room was first discussed with the society many years before the library was built. Most other libraries with history collections covered a broader area. The ALA publication on local history collections in small public libraries recommended that the material be limited to the immediate area served by the library. For that reason the Calumet Area was chosen and the room so named.

The room now is about the size of the whole reference room in the old main library. Besides also serving as the Library Board meeting room, it was designed to house the collection of local history books, maps, picture files, tapes, scrap books, displays and more recently added, the files of negatives of pictures that have appeared in the Hammond Times. The grandfather clock came from the old main library. It has been restored to working order by a local clockman and kept running. The panoramic picture on the south wall was painted in 1924 for the Woodmar real estate development. Roscoe Woods and the artist went up in an airplane for an over view of the area and the artist then came down and painted what he had seen. Mr. Kutak purchased it and it hung in the Guarantee Reserve Life Insurance Company until they remodeled when they gave it to the library. The old chair in the room was Carl Kleihege's father's chair when he was treasurer of Hammond. The old roll top desk was a useful addition to the room by the local Tri Kappas as a Bicentennial year gift. Books are all catalogued by the library. Pictures and pamphlets in the vertical file are all classified by subject by Florence Cleveland. Tapes of the historical society meetings and some interviews are housed here but have not been transcribed. This could be a society project sometime. The materials in the room are used by students, local newspaper writers, people from all over the country searching for their family, club programs, display materials, and historical research.

Mr. Wilhelm announced that arrangements are being made to have the annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at St. Joseph's church, dinner to be catered, and speaker will probably be Tom Krusine from the Indiana Historical Society. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 with refreshments served while the members browsed in the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1978
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Mr. & Mrs. D. K. Barnett	4845 Pine Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Alta Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Ruth B. Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Apt 5, Munster
Shirley and Homer Rich	201 S. Virginia, Hobart
John Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Street, Munster
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Ruth K. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisferfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Albert J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Street, Hammond
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond
Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Henry E. Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Evainex Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Edward Hayward	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1978

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at St. Joseph's Church, 5304 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 1978. Mrs. Grace Mack summarized the year's programs in her welcome. Father Vamos from St. Joseph's church asked the blessing and dinner was served by caterer, Sarah Baranowski. While dessert was being completed, Mr. Hayward acknowledged all the people who had helped on the preparations for the dinner, especially Mr. John Wilhelm, our organization's first president and the current chairman of the board of the Indiana Historical Society who coordinated the plans.

Mrs. Mack conducted the business meeting at which the minutes of the May 17, 1977 annual meeting were read and approved. The attendance sheet was passed to be signed by the 126 members and friends from St. Joseph's church. Roger Reeder presented the financial report as it appeared on the back page of the printed program. He indicated we now have 302 members; 52 new memberships were sold to firemen who purchased copies of this year's publication on the history of the fire department; three are new life members. Copies of all of the society's publications were available for sale.

Mrs. Willard Jonas read the report of the nominating committee presenting the following slate:

President - Charles McGregor
1st Vice President - Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh
2nd Vice President - Calvin Bellamy
3rd Vice President - Julius K. Ebert
4th Vice President - Alfred Hayes
5th Vice President - Daryl Dunsing
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1982
H. J. Geiger
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman
Mrs. Edward Hayward
Mrs. Ruth Whitman
Bert Hindmarch
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1980
Tom Rutkowski
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer
Director - Term Expiring May, 1981
Roland M. Clarke.

Without further nominations from the floor, the slate was declared elected. Mr. Charles McGregor, the newly elected president, spoke briefly on a proposed project for the coming year of starting a local Hall of Fame of famous "greats" of our community. Mr. McGregor called for a meeting of the new officers for Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room.

Mrs. Nina Cravens conducted an impressive memorial service to honor five former members who died during this year. A current member presented a red rose for each of those honored:

Kurt Marx by Verlyn Mack
John W. Bowlby by Edward Hayward
Florence Allman by Fern Arnold
Mrs. Ernest (Margaret) Turner by Florence Cleveland
Charles B. DeLaney by Bert Hindmarch

Father Joseph Vamos, priest at St. Joseph's Church is working on a history of St. Joseph's Church to be published sometime this year for the 100th anniversary of the church. He shared the highlights of this history with us. Father Vamos is a native of Hammond, graduated from St. Joseph's school. He was invited to come back here to help out for two weeks and has been here five years. St. Joseph's traces its beginnings back to 1858 when a priest from Michigan City was sent regularly to Saxony (the present Woodmar area) to conduct services. Until 1879 when a frame church was built, services were held in the Kleihege home. Caroline Hohman, an Episcopalian, offered to give land at Russell and Hohman to the Catholic Church. The Towle family also offered land at State and Hohman. The Hohman property was accepted and the church has always been located at the same corner. The first mass was said in the frame church in December, 1879 and in 1883 Father Baumgartner was sent here as the first resident priest. He accomplished many things for the church before he died a young man at only 39. Father Henry Plaster is credited with much of the growth of the church while he was here from the late 1800s to 1916. He served during the time of great growth in the city and was responsible for building the second and third churches, the school, convent, and rectory, as well as interesting the Sisters of St. Frances to come here and establish St. Margaret's Hospital. Father John Berg, a quiet man, came in 1917 and ministered to families during the war. He was responsible for bringing here during the 1920's the stained glass windows from Bavaria, today valued at \$250,000. Father Frances Jansen whom most of us remember, served from 1927 to 1967. He was an artist in his own right and was responsible for bringing a company from Chicago to fresco the whole church. Father Vamos said he would probably be remembered as the priest who spent the most money and who built the garage.

Edward Hayward introduced the two speakers who came to be with us from the Indiana State Historical Society, Ray Shoemaker and Tom Krasean. Mr. Shoemaker spoke first about the Indiana Historical Society, founded in 1830 and the oldest society west of the Appalachians. It is a totally private organization getting all of its funds from memberships, gifts and endowments. It promotes a three fold program of publications, manuscripts and programs.

Thomas Krasean, field representative for the Indiana Historical Society spoke on Manuscripts as Keys to the Past. He graphically illustrated their importance as our source of finding out who we are if we would suddenly wake up without a memory. He pointed out that manuscripts do not have to be old to be of value. They can be 1, personal items like letters, diaries, and day books, or 2. privately printed catalogs and business records, photographs and church histories or 3, newspapers, a primary source material. To illustrate the interesting information to be gleaned from manuscripts, Mr. Krasean read excerpts from several examples. War time letters are especially informative of the times. Mr. Krasean made a plea that the Indiana Historical Society be remembered when such manuscripts are found. They will preserve them or copy them if the owners are not willing to part with them yet.

Mr. Hayward announced that word had been received of the passing today of G. Bertram Smith in Atlanta Georgia. He had been mayor of Hammond from 1942 to 1948. He also announced that plans were being made for the annual tour for Sunday, June 25 to the Old Mill County Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Reverend Father,

Honored guests, officers and members of the Hammond Historical Society, ladies and gentlemen all -- it gives me ^o great deal of pleasure to welcome each of you to the 18th annual banquet of our society. Looking back over this past year, I recall that we learned something about the Peter Mak family into which I was married almost 38 years ago. This information came from my husband and partner of those 38 years: Verlyn Mack, a past president of this society whose ranks I ^{shall} join this evening. We also learned ~~something~~ about our local radio station WJOB from a very knowledgeable gentleman, Mr. Roy Hoagland. Then too, our dear friend and member, Bert Hindmarch, held our interest with an informative ~~talk~~ talk about the history of Pullman. But among all of these and others, I think that I am proudest of our society's publication this year, the history of the Hammond Fire Department'.

I must confess that the fire department is very special to me since my husband, Verlyn is a retired member of the department having served our community for 23 years. Incidentally, the publication gave Verlyn an opportunity to visit the ~~faxx~~ various fire stations and resulted in the sale of 54 memberships in the society! And then too, last but not least, the author of our publication, Gordon Whitney, another retired fireman and past president of the society is a close personal ~~friend~~ friend of both Verlyn and myself. I'm very pleased and gratified that the society chose the year in which I was president to publish the history of the Hammond Fire Department. Again, I bid you welcome and thank you for your attendance here tonight and your support of the Hammond Historical Society!

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**THE
HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
May 1, 1977 to April 30, 1978

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1977 \$ 1,436.88

RECEIPTS:

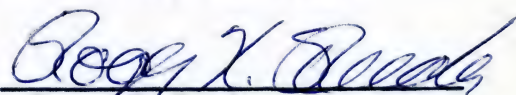
Dues	\$ 1,475.00	
Annual Dinner	336.00	
Bus Tour	36.00	
Comm. on sale of Bicentennial Bks	74.00	
Donation	<u>1.00</u>	
	\$1,922.00	+ \$ 1,922.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 96.31	
Newsletter	726.87	
Refreshments	25.00	
Membership Gifts	700.75	
Annual Dinner	345.34	
Bus Tour	73.00	
Advertising	21.96	
Culture Festival Booth	20.00	
Supplies	13.50	
Filing Corporate Report	<u>10.00</u>	
	\$2,032.73	- \$ 2,032.73

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1978 \$ 1,326.15

Respectfully submitted,


Roger K. Reeder, Treasurer



OFFICERS AND BOARD
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOMINATIONS FOR 1978-1979

President - Charles McGregor, 6921 Walnut Avenue
1st Vice Pres. - Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh, 6640 Arizona Ave., Projects
2nd Vice Pres. - Calvin Bellamy, 57 Vine St., Publicity & Public Relations
3rd Vice Pres. - Julius K. Ebert, 6627 Jackson Ave., Annual Meeting
4th Vice Pres. - Alfred Hayes, 1740 Oliver St., Membership
5th Vice Pres. - Daryl Dunsing, 7509 Monroe Ave., Program

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Mr. H. J. Geiger, 6530 Jefferson Avenue
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman, 6411 Forest Avenue
Mrs. Edward Hayward (Ruth), 6708 Madison Avenue
Mrs. Ruth Whitman, 3003 - 97th Place, Highland
Mr. Bert Hindmarch, 7018 Knickerbocker

DIRECTORS - Term Expiring May, 1980

Mr. Tom Rutkowski, 1259 Memorial Dr., Calumet City
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer, 257 Vine Street

DIRECTORS - Term Expiring May, 1981

Mr. Roland M. Clarke, 7519 Jackson Avenue

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1978
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Ruth Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Mrs. John Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Mrs. William F. Janz	7416 Park Place, Hammond
Mrs. J. M. Teresko	404 Price Avenue, Calumet City
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Madeline F. Bach	6930 White Oak, Hammond
Mrs. Sue Cook	234 Briar Lane, Munster
Jane Michel	234 Briar Lane, Munster
Pam Michel	234 Briar Lane, Munster
R. A. Fleming	9149 Southwood, Munster
Mrs. Gretchen Fleming	9149 Southwood, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Bellamy	57 Vine Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Gladys Umbauch	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Sidney L. Pachter, Jr.	63 Glendale Park, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8448 White Oak, Munster
Ruth B. Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Mary A. Hansen	1824 Camellia Drive, Munster
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 3C, Hammond
Dorothy H. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Leona Williams	7125 Woodlawn Avenue, Hammond
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Stephan	136½ Sibley Street, Hammond
Mary M. Kolb	5506 Alice Avenue, Hammond
Florence Anoskey	614 Cherry Street, Hammond
Mary Ann Littrell	614 Cherry Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vamos	1033 Heather Lane, Munster
Martha & Gertrude Peters	250 Douglas Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. James Adams	1721 Stanton Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Ellen M. Collins	6755 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Julianne Collins	6755 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Mockalski	1825 Mansard Blvd, Griffith
Ruth & Irving Chayken	1825 Mansard Blvd, Griffith
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Helen Calderone	5420 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Carol Ferrari	2149 Tanglewood Drive, Hammond
Joan Ferrari	2149 Tanglewood Drive, Hammond
Lorraine Ferrari	3811 Cameron Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1978
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Millie Gohde	1232 Hoffman Street, Hammond
Robert Fischer	6314 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mark Ferrari	3811 Cameron Avenue, Hammond
John Flaherty	41 Clinton Street, Hammond
Dorothy Flaherty	41 Clinton Street, Hammond
Kathryn Richman	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Margaret A. Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Leona Wellstrand	7419 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Kalshan	5942 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Ms. Helen Meyer	226 Waltham Street, Hammond
Clarence M. Singer	332 - 156th Place, Calumet City
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Rose Calderone	5420 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Norah J. McFarland	3224 Garfield Street, Highland
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Avenue, Hammond
Earl Miller	61 Terrace Drive, Munster
Ann Graban	6924 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Marjorie A. Miller	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Vernon Miller	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Joseph J. Badalli	1720 Wilson Street, Munster
Lucille Grenzer	235 Wildwood Road, Hammond
Mary Lu Grenzer	235 Wildwood Road, Hammond
Janet Henning	1401 N. Glenwood, Griffith
John Henning	1401 N. Glenwood, Griffith
Genevieve Biegel	8237 Woodlawn, Munster
Mary C. Toth	17 Wildwood Road, Hammond
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schmeiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Euphemia Baralli	686 State Line, Calumet City
Beth Groff	6046 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Agnes Gnerlich	686 State Line, Calumet City
Mary Craig	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Col. Lacadia M. Clarke	San Rafael, California
Mr. & Mrs. James A. Towle	7526 Jarnecke Avenue, Hammond
Dr. & Mrs. John J. Wadas, Sr.	63 Glendale Park, Apt. 2, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Elkins	6407 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. DeVerle O'Dowd	269 - 174th Place, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Thomas Krasean	
Roy Shoemaker	
E.B. Hayward	
Grace Mack	
Charles McGregor	
Marjorie Sohl	

Hammond
Historical
Society

Hammond, Indiana

Eighteenth
Annual Dinner
Meeting



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
18th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 16, 1978 6:30 p.m.



Saint Joseph Church
5304 Hohman Ave. Hammond, Indiana

WELCOME..... Mrs. Verlyn Mack

INVOCATION..... Rev. Joseph E. Vamos

* DINNER *

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Annual Financial Statement

Roger Reeder, Treasurer

President's Annual Report

Grace Mack

Nominating Committee Report

Evainez Jonas

Incoming President's Remarks

MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Nina Cravens

Kurt C. Marx

Margaret E. Turner

John W. Bowlby

Charles B. DeLaney

Florence E. Allman

HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN ITS CENTEN-
NIAL YEAR..... Rev. Joseph E. Vamos

"MANUSCRIPTS: KEYS TO THE PAST".....

Thomas Krasec, Indiana Historical Society

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

* DINNER CHAIRMAN - Mr. John F. Wilhelm *

OFFICERS

1977 - 1978

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President..... Mrs. Grace Mack

1st Vice President..... Mr. Donald Backe

2nd Vice President..... Mr. Charles McGregor

3rd Vice President..... Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh

4th Vice President..... Mr. Calvin Bellamy

5th Vice President..... Mr. Harold Wagner

Secretary..... Miss Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer..... Mr. Roger Reeder

DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1978

Mr. H. J. Geiger

Mrs. Victor R. Goodman

Mrs. Edward Hayward

Mrs. Ruth Whitman

Mrs. Vera M. Wood

Term thru May, 1979

Mrs. Henry Hoyles

Miss Charlotte Kasten

Mrs. H. E. Miner

Mrs. Anna Stevesand

Miss Eleanor Sulcer

Term thru May, 1980

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie

Mr. Daryl Dunsing

Miss Margaret Gunderson

Mrs. Wanda Seevers

Mr. James Towle

Term thru May, 1981

Mr. Roy Duke

Mr. Julius K. Ebert

Mr. Edward Hanish

Mrs. Eileen Luney

Mrs. Marie Wilhelm



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
May 1, 1977 to April 30, 1978

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1977.....\$1,436.88

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$1,475.00	
Annual Dinner.....	336.00	
Bus Tour.....	36.00	
Comm. on sale of Bicentennial Bks.	74.00	
Donation.....	1.00	
Total Receipts		\$1,922.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage.....	\$ 96.31	
Newsletter.....	726.87	
Refreshments.....	25.00	
Membership Gifts.....	700.75	
Annual Dinner.....	345.34	
Bus Tour.....	73.00	
Advertising.....	21.96	
Culture Festival Booth.....	20.00	
Supplies.....	13.50	
Filing Corporate Report.....	10.00	
Total Disbursements		\$2,032.73

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1978 \$1,326.15

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mr. John Wilhelm	1959-60
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr. (Deceased)	1960-61
Mr. Edward B. Hayward	1961-62
Mrs. Vincent Bower	1962-63
Mr. George Nelson	1963-64
Mr. Anton Tapper (Deceased)	1964-65
Mrs. Mary Peters (Deceased)	1965-66
Mrs. Harry Wilson	1966-67
Mr. Walter Bell (Deceased)	1967-68
Mrs. Henry Cleveland	1968-69
Miss Marjorie Sohl	1969-70
Mr. Gordon Whitney	1970-71
Mr. Verlyn Mack	1971-72
Mrs. Nina Cravens	1972-73
Mrs. Ray Williams	1973-74
Mr. Kurt Marx (Deceased)	1974-75
Miss Fern Arnold	1975-76
Mrs. Willard Jonas	1976-77

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OFFICER'S MEETING, MAY 31, 1978

The newly elected officers of the Hammond Historical Society met on Wednesday, May 31, 1978 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. The meeting was attended by President Charles McGregor, 1st Vice Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh, 2nd Vice Calvin Bellamy, 4th Vice Alfred Hayes, 5th Vice Daryl Dunsing, Secretary Marjorie Sohl, Treasurer Roger Reeder, Editor Edward Hayward and Founder John Wilhelm. 3rd Vice Jules Ebeet was the only officer absent.

Since we now have a full slate of vice presidents and our by-laws assign duties to each of them, it was decided to try to have each of the officers follow through on his assigned task: 1st Vice, projects; 2nd Vice, publicity and public relations; 3rd Vice, annual meeting; 4th Vice, membership; 5th Vice, program chairman.

Mr. McGregor presented his suggestion that we consider the project of instigating a Hall of Fame similar to that started a few years ago in East Chicago to recognize and honor people who have contributed to the community. After summarizing what he knew about the East Chicago plan, it was agreed to assign this jointly to the projects and public relations and publicity vice presidents. Mrs. Umbaugh and Calvin Bellamy agreed to be co-chairmen. A committee consisting of Bob Hirsch, Roland Clarke, Charles McGregor and John Wilhelm was named to meet with a representative of the East Chicago committee to learn what they could from their experience and then draw up some suggestions for a plan and guiding rules and a projected time table for choosing and recognizing the honorees.

Daryl Dunsing was assigned the task of lining up programs for the coming year. A few suggestions forthcoming for programs were:

1. Dr. Carlyle, professor at Purdue Calumet featured in an article in last Sunday's Hammond Times to speak on the film Art for Main Street in which he participated or his historic toy collection, or a subject of his choice.
2. Dr. Lance Trusty, also a professor at Purdue Calumet who is working this summer at the Lake County Public Library as a consultant in the humanities and preparing a sequel to Dr. Powell Moore's history of the Calumet Region to 1930. His book will probably be published in early 1979.
3. Jim Laine, a local historian and professor in history at Indiana University Northwest.

With the publication of the history of the fire department as our last publication, it was suggested we consider publishing a history of the police department next. Knowing that Sgt. Del Purkey has done much work along this line, Alfred Hayes was assigned to work with him and encourage him to get ready to publish.

Mr. Hayward outlined the plans for the annual tour on Sunday, June 25, leaving the Board of Education Building at 1:30 p.m. and returning by 5 p.m. Bus holds 51 and fee is \$3.00. Tour will visit Deep River County Park. Being the first anniversary of the park's opening, a concert is already planned there by the Sweet Adelines at 3 p.m. and the Northwest Indiana Symphony at 4 p.m.

Mr. Wilhelm encouraged the continued taping of interviews of anyone we hear about who has a story to tell of Hammond's history. Appointments can be made to meet in the Calumet Room for taping of interviews. He is available as an interviewer.

The secretary was instructed to write a thank you to Rev. Vamos at St. Joseph Church, host for our annual meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. A meeting of the full Board was set for Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1978

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 1978 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Charles McGregor presided. Twenty-seven board members attended. Each person introduced himself. Minutes of the officers meeting held May 31 were read and accepted. Each of the Vice Presidents who attended that meeting was called upon for a report. The committee to formulate plans for a Hall of Fame program had not yet met to have anything to report. Daryl Dunsing reported that Frank Dupey, Hammond Chief of Police had been engaged to be the speaker at the first meeting in the fall on September 17, 1978. The treasurer was not able to attend this meeting but his attached report was read and filed.

Mr. McGregor presented his idea of the formation of a Hall of Fame to honor those people who have made significant contributions to the betterment of Hammond. He outlined how this has been done for several years in East Chicago. A committee has been appointed to meet with a representative from East Chicago to help us formulate plans for a similar program. It was suggested it might be housed in the Calumet Room and could be combined with the annual dinner.

A brain storming session for possible program speakers was started resulting in the following suggestions:

1. Lance Trusty
2. Floyd Murray
3. John Phrommer
4. Tim Galvin
5. Bert Keeler, Former principal of Washington School
6. Norman Allen
7. Tour idea - Overnight to New Harmony
8. Letters of George Ade - Book published by Purdue
9. Connor's Prairie - Featured in an article in the Hammond Times last week. Now administered by Earlham College
10. Visit to any archeological diggings going on in Indiana. Posey County and Muncie.
11. Visit to the restored Bailly Town and National Lakeshore headquarters.
12. Visit to Hoosier Prairie. Exactly where is it?
13. Sand Ridge Nature Center
14. Quarry near Kentland - possible meteor landing.
15. Lew Wallace's study in Crawfordsville.
16. Norris Coombs.
17. Little Red Schoolhouse as a meeting place and Mr. Iliff as a speaker - Publish his autobiography on which he is now working.
18. Bill Travis, law partner of Luther Schwygert
19. Annexation of Robertsedale.
20. Marie Wilhelm, history of Hammond Woman's Club.
21. History of Hammond buildings.
22. Dr. Carlyle.
23. Historical houses in northern Indiana.

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Mr. Wilhelm suggested that the society officers start to think about suggestions of ways to celebrate the centennial of the incorporating of Hammond in 1984.

Mrs. Robert Wilhelm invited the society to have the annual meeting at the new First Presbyterian Church at Highland and Hohman.

The meetings for the year were set on the third Sunday of each month in which we meet: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 1978, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, 1979. The May date to be set by Mr. Ebert will be announced later after contacting the church.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



**THE
HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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August 7, 1978

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Money Received from Annual Dinner \$625.00

Expenses Annual Dinner -611.46

13.54

Money Received from Annual Tour \$ 86.50

Expenses Annual Tour - 116.10

- 29.60

In regards DUES: 3 Life Memberships (Sohl, Wilhelm, Reeder) \$300.00

Those owing dues 1977-1979 23 Members

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 8/8/78

Those owing dues 1978-1979 150 Members

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May of 1978 - approximately 10-15 members dropped for non-payment (2 years)

Mrs. Paul Ross of Phoenix Arizona included at her request.

Balance on hand July 31, 1978 \$1,418.03



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 8, 1978
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Ave., Hammond
H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Ave., Hammond
Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Ave., Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Leona Williams	7125 Woodlawn Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Ruth Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Ruth B. Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Apt. 5, Munster
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1978

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, September 17, 1978 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. This was the first meeting of the new year and was attended by 35 people. President Charles McGregor presided.

Roger Reeder presented the treasurer's report of 301 members and a balance of 1544.42 plus three life members. He also reported on the bus tour in June, attended by 32 members on which we lost \$29. Weather was bad but an interesting tour of the mill and museum and art exhibit at the Deep River County Park was enjoyed by those who went.

President McGregor encouraged the Hall of Fame committee to meet before the next meeting and start formulating plans. It was suggested the Secretary of the Historical Society write a letter to Indiana Bell Telephone Company to commend them for the historically significant picture chosen for the cover of the new Hammond telephone directory-- that of the George Rogers Clark victory at Vincennes.

Edward Hayward introduced the speaker of the day, Hammond's Chief of Police, Frank J. Dupey. Mr. Dupey is a Calumet Region native, born in Hammond and raised and now living in Whiting and Robertsedale respectively. Sgt. Del. Purkey was unable to be here for this meeting but cooperated in supplying some of the pictures and police department memorabilia that were on display. Mr. Dupey paid high tribute to Mr. Purkey as the department historian doing a memorable job of documenting the police history and appealed for contributions to the police archives. Mr. Dupey joined the Hammond Police force in 1957 - 21 years ago - and spoke primarily about those years of its history. He referred to Chief Martinson's long tenure as police chief from 1930 to 1957 and how this was the goal and aspiration of each chief following him to equal this long service. Chief Martinson reorganized the police department into four divisions which has been the organization followed most of the time since then. The force has grown from 135 men in 1956 to 200 today but the number of arrests made has almost doubled in this brief number of years. Mr. Dupey outlined the organization and duties of each of the four divisions:

1. Administration with 21 men responsible for the administration of police, records, personnel and training.
2. Detective with 33 people doing all the investigative work.
3. Juvenile division responsible for all the juvenile problems.
4. Traffic with 25 people who maintain the traffic laws and record and investigate traffic accidents.
5. Patrol division with 121 men, the backbone of the department. The city is divided geographically into nine beats (between railroads) so that it should not take more than 3-4 minutes to get to the source of any call.

Mr. Dupey stated that the department's first cars and motorcycles were purchased in 1911. Today the department operates 72 police cars, 38 marked cars, 8 motorcycles, 2 scooters, and 1 van which is used for the Officer Friendly program.

The Officer Friendly program selects two officers for their ability to communicate with young people. They go to 20 public and parochial schools and talk to the kindergarten thru third grade about vandalism,

safety and good citizenship. They show children that police are nice people and that they are there to help. In the summer they promote bicycle safety by the bicycle rodeo.

Mr. Dupey paid high tribute to the donations to the police department made by local service clubs in support of special programs and also to the volunteer work done by the members of the Civilian Defense, a volunteer auxiliary organization since 1956. The first black officer Ronald Rowe, was hired Oct. 16, 1965 and on Jan. 7, 1976 the first two female officers were put on the force. Sharon Steel was responsible for the arrest of a bank robber within her first two months on the force.

Mr. Dupey follows Chief Martinson in his interest in promotion of the education and training constantly of its police officers. Now each officer attends the police academy in Plainfield, Indiana, for at least 10 weeks during his first year on the force. Courses are offered locally for men here and from surrounding smaller communities. Mr. Dupey is a staff instructor in traffic safety at Plainfield Academy.

Chief Dupey reported a \$40,000 communication console has been purchased to computerize calls and every patrolman now carries a walkie-talkie. They have organized CB sentinals into a volunteer organization to help in communications. Last year the Hammond Police Explorers were organized. They are 45 14 to 25 year olds who think they want to become police officers. They help out in routine police duties.

Mr. Hayward announced details of the Historical Society workshops being conducted by the Indiana State Historical Society. Our area workshop will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7 at the Holiday Inn in Valparaiso. Roger Reeder and Edward Hayward have forms and plan to attend this. Other members were encouraged to try to attend.

Mr. Wilhelm encouraged attendance at this workshop and also challenged the society to begin to think on how we might suggest celebrating the centennial of Hammond's incorporation in 1984.

The next meeting was announced for Sunday, Oct. 15, 1978 when John Phrommer will be the speaker. The meeting adjourned with refreshments served at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1978
ATTENDANCE

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NAME

ADDRESS

Roger Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Apt. 5, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohmna Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Martha Toney	6952 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Nona S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Alta Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. T.M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Adams	1721 Stanton Avenue, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Mrs. Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Street, Hammond
John E. Wilhelm	Harrison Avenue, Munster
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Helena Ostrander	17933 Torrence Avenue, Lansing
Charles McGregor	6927 Walnut Street, Hammond
Eváinez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue
Frank Dupey	

October 15, 1978

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The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was opened at 2 p.m. by the President Charles McGregor.

The minutes of the Sept. 17th meeting were read and approved.

Mr. McGregor asked Mr. Edward Hayward to report on the seminars which were sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society, and had been held at the Holiday Inn in Valparaiso on Oct. 6 and 7. Mr. Hayward indicated that John Wilhelm and Roger Reeder had accompanied him on Friday, Oct. 6th, and they found the programs to be worthwhile and rewarding. Mr. McGregor attended the seminar on Saturday, Oct. 7th. The keynote speaker that day was Robert Sutton speaking about Local History Societies in Illinois. Mr. McGregor found the seminar well planned, hopes to attend others in the future, and urged our members to attend.

President McGregor called upon Florence Cleveland to report on recent items of historical value that had been added to our local collection. Mrs. Cleveland listed the following items:

Yearbooks from Hammond High School, Hammond Technical High School and George Rogers Clark High School.
The 2076 Tricentennial Memorial Fund Books containing the signatures of the donating Hammond School Children which are bound into volumes and are to be housed permanently in the Calumet Room.
Added to the Vertical Files in the Calumet Room have been:
High school and grade school pictures
Picture of the office staff of IHB
Pictures and postcards of early Hammond
Hammond High School reunion programs
Club programs and church bulletins
Boy Scout and Brooks House materials
History of the Hess & Karr family, and also a history of the John Wilhelm family.
Also donated was an interesting scrapbook concerning Lake County by Sophia Szylagyi, a retired Washington High School librarian.

Mr. Hayward made two announcements concerning meetings of interest to our members. On Oct. 29th Lance Trusty of Purdue University will be speaking at the Lake County Public Library on the subject, "What Makes the Calumet Region Tick?" On Nov. 4 the Ninth Annual Conference for History and Social Studies Teachers will be held at the Calumet Campus of Purdue University. The theme of this conference is "The Calumet Region: Its People and History" and it is scheduled from 8 am. to 2 p.m.

Mr. Hayward introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. J. Harold Snyder, noting that he originally came to Hammond to coach sports at Hammond Tech, later graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce and was Manager of Residential Sales at Northern Indiana Public Service Company for many years.

Mr. Snyder opened his talk by saying he had lived in this area for about fifty-three years and after being asked to speak to us, he asked himself if he were a relic of the past? He decided he would use the answer David Niven gave to people who asked him how old he was - and that answer was, "I am only as old as you think I am!"

He asked himself, also, why the Calumet area had become so great, and found the answer was its geographical location. Access to different methods of transportation, lavish raw materials, cheap fuel that was plentiful, markets which were quickly reached, available manpower resources, and the rich fertile loam south of us which was very productive. And, he asked, what have the people in this area done who have lived here? They have attracted and developed great industry; attracted business and professional men; built diversified churches, schools, parks, streets, provided fire and police protection. The manpower was drawn from all walks of life and we became a melting pot.

He believes it takes a great area to survive great tragedies. Our area has had its share such as the packing house fire, bank failures, and the State Street theatre bombing. He feels it takes a strong people to rise above such tragedies. (He paused to comment that only recently had he discovered that the persons accused of the State theatre bombing were finally absolved.)

Mr. Snyder then went back in time to tell us of his earlier life. He was raised on a dairy farm near Charleston, Ill. Attended a one-room school, and was fortunate that the teacher lived at his home because he received extra tutoring. He went to Charleston High School and later to Eastern Illinois Teacher's College from which he graduated in 1923. He moved to Hammond in August, 1925 to become coach at Hammond Tech. Their games were played at Turner Field where they had neither lockers or showers. The boys walked to the field and back to the school where one shower had to serve all the boys. Mr. Snyder's job was to develop an esprit de corps at Tech. At that time the school did not have official name for their team and Mr. Snyder suggested "Tech Tigers" which was approved by Supt. Caldwell.

In 1929 Mr. Snyder resigned from Tech and attended Wharton School of Business, after which he joined the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. In 1937 when NIPSCO sponsored tournament sports, he was the first sports announcer on WWAE.

Mr. Snyder recalled that on Feb. 2, 1931 the First Trust Bank closed in Hammond and thereafter 33 banks closed. By 1932 there were no banks in Hammond. In Dec. 1932 William Murray came to Hammond to organize a bank and the following year the Calumet National Bank came into being.

Mr. Snyder has a great faith in this area and disclosed he intends to remain in this location even though retired.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Refreshments were served by Florence Cleveland assisted by Fern Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Arnold
Secretary pro tem

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1978
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Nelvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Elizabeth Zaronka	5004 Northcote Avenue, East Chicago
Betty & Clarence Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Emma & Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Leona Williams	7125 Woodlawn Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy H. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
Albert J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 1978 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-two members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the October 15, 1978 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer stated a balance of \$1844.69. Mr. Hayes, Membership chairman, appealed to all members to help him swell our membership by each one interesting someone to join.

Mr. Hayward introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Earl Iliff, whom he met some years ago when the Railroad Retirement Group started meeting at the library. More recently Mr. Hayward and he did a program together for the schools on the depression days. Mr. Iliff came to this area when he was 17 years old during World War I and started to work for the railroads on a section gang. By 1920 he had worked up to being a train dispatcher. He became a socialist, married, and settled down in Hessville where he has been an active citizen ever since. He became a precinct committeeman and when the Hessville Booster Club was organized to promote the causes of Hessville before the City Council, he was elected president. The Hessville Booster Club hired Chet Kessler to direct Hessville's two month summer recreation program which he did until the Hammond Park Board took him over to lead the whole city's program. When the Depression hit in the 30's, Hessville was especially hard hit. Three out of five Hessville families were out of work. The Booster Club was active in trying to help organize the people to help themselves. They got a couple of trucks with gasoline donated by Standard Oil, picked up vegetables from farms to the south, canned them in cans donated by American Can Company. They organized a band to entertain for dances every Saturday night in a dance hall in Black Oak heated by donated wood. They put on their own theatre productions for entertainment, 10¢ entry fee.

Strong friendships were formed through his activities in community life. He joined the Lions Club and became active in their various community fund raising projects, auto raffles, and building of shelters in the Hessville park. With the help of Harold Wagner, he was instrumental in starting a credit union for the Railway Employees, patterned after the teacher's credit union and served as its president for ten years.

In 1971 he became involved in the efforts to save the Little Red School House, the first school building in Hessville, from being torn down. Mr. Iliff and John Bolby, Chairman of Hammond's Bicentennial Committee both worked tirelessly on this project for five years, until it became the reality that it is today, restored and serving a useful purpose as an historical spot as well as a community center in Hessvukke,

Mr. Iliff concluded by saying that if he is reincarnated, he hopes he will get sent back to Hessville!

Mr. James Platis, founder of the Hall of Fame in East Chicago came at the close of the meeting to meet briefly with the committee from our organization to advise them of how to go about establishing a Hall of Fame. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with coffee, tea and cookies served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Ruth K. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mary Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield Avenue, Hammond
Joanne Iliff White	4629 Cameron Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Fern Arnild	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Leona Williams	7125 Woodlawn Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Betty Hanken	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Earl Iliff	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 1979 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Charles McGregor presided. Minutes of the November 19, 1978 meeting were read and accepted. Twenty-eight members and friends signed the attendance sheet on a very snowy afternoon. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1714.39.

Mr. Ed. Hayward introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Joseph J. Badalli, Chairman of the Board of Standard Equipment Company. Mr. Badalli is a long-time resident of Hammond and the Calumet Region, moving here in 1903 with his parents who were from Italy but moved here from Chicago. They lived first in West Hammond (now Calumet City) and then moved to a house on Clinton near Hohman where the St. Joseph's School is located. He moved to Ruth Street when he married and later to Munster, where he lives now. He went to Washington School and Hammond Central School.

Mr. Badelli shared some of his early memories of Hohman Avenue, the street with a streetcar line on it to Conkey and he recalled some of his high school teachers. He worked all thru high school as a successful newsboy. He has had a lifetime interest in sports as an observer, not as a participant. He recalled Hubbard Park at Gostlin and Hohman where early professional games were played. In 1914 he was active in the founding of the Hermits Club which met regularly in rented quarters on the third floor of the Woolworth Building. In 1918 he was inducted into the Army and sent to Camp Taylor for Infantry training. Because of his Italian background, he was put at Camp Headquarters to do interpreting. There in his contacts with the officers, he learned to do some cooking. When he was discharged from the service, he registered at Northwestern University School of Commerce. He put an ad. in the paper for a job keeping books for a company. He worked part-time thus keeping books for many Hammond firms. Standard Equipment was a young company, organized in 1922, that hired him to keep their books. He remembered being on the local committee in 1927 of eighty people who went to Washington to invite President Coolidge to dedicate Wicker Park. He recalled the 1929 crash when they were paid in script in lieu of money. In 1937 he was active in founding and became the first president of the local Optimist Club. They excelled in work with boys and spear-headed the Little League organization. Standard Equipment sponsored a team, the Sisco Kids. The Optimists were very successful in raising funds to give away.

When World War II came along and the draft organization was set up, Mr. Badelli was appointed to serve on the local draft Board with Tom Galvin, Charles Nau, William Harrigan and Rev. Peter Langendorff. He was active in the Hammond Chamber of Commerce as a Director and served as President of the Illinois Industrial Distributors Association. These were mostly Chicago based companies, so he was able to show that Hammond and Lake County were also distribution centers. He was named a director of the Mercantile National Bank where he has served for twenty-eight years.

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In 1954, Mr. Badelli spent three months in Europe and he came home with the conclusion that what American business had over European was the influence of the media that stimulated buying power and in turn business.

In 1963 he was one of twenty businessmen who went on a world tour of sixteen cities in twelve countries in thirty-two days arranged by the Association of Wholesalers of America where they met with business leaders and manufacturers around the world.

The small company that Mr. Badelli started with had only a few employees in small quarters at Fayette and Claude Street. It has grown to over 100 employees and moved first to Michigan and Oakley and now to the industrial district on North Calumet Avenue. They have \$140,000 a week overhead for salaries and fringe benefits. Forty-two percent of their business is done out of state and now are doing much in foreign countries. In 1977-78 they did a quarter of a million dollars worth of business with Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Badelli concluded by sharing his philosophy that comparatively small businesses like his have to be managed on the job by people with a financial interest in the business. He felt he had been blessed with three things: a love of work, moderation in everything, and good personnel and public relations. He said he hopes to live out his life "by the side of the road and be a friend to man."

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 with fellowship over tea, coffee and cookies.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1979
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield Ave, Hammond
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Ruth K. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Lenore Hanas	8642 Jefferson Avenue, Munster
Henry Hanas	8642 Jefferson Avenue, Munster
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Georges	1315 Vivian Lane, Munster
Norman Allen	2133 Woodhollow Lane, Hammond
Mrs. A.T. Schmidt	2235 Ridgewood Avenue, Highland
Mrs. Harold Norden	2031 Ridgewood Avenue, Highland
Mrs. Leona Williams	7125 Woodlawn Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Al Marcus	5030 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Helen Calderone	940 Camellea Drive, Munster
Chris Jostes	10716 W. 134th Place, Cedar Lake, Ind.
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew O'Donnell	2103 Superior Avenue, Whiting, Ind.
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Dave Jostes	10716 W. 134th Place, Cedar Lake, Ind.
Diane Jostes	10716 W. 134th Place, Cedar Lake, Ind.
Mayme Badalli	1720 Wilson Street, Munster
Rose Calderone	940 Camellea Drive, Munster
Jack Jostes	10716 W. 134th Place, Cedar Lake, Ind.
Lucille Fricke	4242 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Nina W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	
Joseph Badalli	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 18, 1979 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room at the Hammond Public Library. President Charles McGregor presided. Twenty-seven members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the February 18, 1979 meeting were read and approved.

Elden E. Stoops of the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission was present. He distributed the attached folders explaining the Historic and Architectural Landmarks Inventory of Northwestern Indiana which is his responsibility. He appealed for volunteers to work on the project, to interview people and find historically significant buildings in Hammond, when they were built and who built them. They will hold a workshop to train interviewers.

Mr. Edward Hayward introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Jerome (Jerry) Kutak. He was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1903, came to the United States in 1909, grew up and attended schools in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and was admitted to the Bar in Illinois and Indiana. He is the Past President of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, the Hammond Kiwanis Club as well as the Guarantee Reserve Life Insurance Company from which he retired a year ago. Since his retirement, he has been on an ego trip working on a history of the company. Since he founded the company in Hammond in 1940, its history is also a history of Hammond as well as insurance and the the United States during these nearly forty years. He explained the three kinds of insurance companies: 1. stock companies, 2. mutual companies, 3. assessment companies. Guarantee Reserve had been organized as an assessment company seven years before but collapsed in 1940. Fred Hershner and Ben Jaffee asked him to enter the new enterprise, whose headquarters were in Indianapolis. He commuted to Indianapolis for a year but in July, 1941 they found a place in Hammond and moved the office here to 128 State Street, the old Kline Department store building which had gone bankrupt in 1930. It was wartime and Guarantee Reserve was unable to get salesmen, so they started selling insurance by mail and people bought it because there were no salesmen to call on them. The mailmen were amazed at the sacks of mail that poured in. The company grew in the first five years from three employees to one hundred forty five and from \$30,000 to \$3 billion in assets. For a period of eight months at one time they had employee problems and the union came in and organized for six months. They had to decentralize and carried on the mail order business from a few employees homes. They have had legal problems over not paying premium tax in other states. They paid it in Indiana because they were licensed in Indiana so they could not be sued in Indiana. For a period of time in the 50's they went to an agency business and since 1965 have been a combination of mail order and agency business, with agents in all states except Hawaii and Alaska.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. with refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL LANDMARKS INVENTORY OF NORTHWESTERN INDIANA



The image of Lake and Porter Counties is much more than that created by the major industrial areas along the Lake Michigan shoreline. In an effort to broaden the area's image, emphasize the region's historical greatness and identify its many examples of outstanding architecture, an inventory of historically and architecturally significant sites and structures is currently being conducted.

The Historic and Architectural Landmarks Inventory is being funded by a \$25,000 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation, and by \$25,000 in local monies or in-kind services provided by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. It is scheduled to be completed by August 30, 1979, and is expected to include several thousand entries.

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Upon completion, the basic inventory will consist of information forms and black and white photographs for each entry. Additionally, there will be a report explaining criteria, methodology used and a summary of the entire project. It is hoped the information contained within the inventory will be used to support efforts to protect and preserve appropriate sites and structures throughout northwestern Indiana and to further the knowledge of this area's unique and interesting past.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1979
ATTENDANCE

NAMEADDRESS

Mrs. Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. and Ruth K. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy H. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Albert - Esther Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. A. H. Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer, Ind.
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Jerome Kutak	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 8, 1979 at the Hammond Public Library at 2 p.m. Mr. Jules Ebert presided. Thirty-one members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the March 18, 1979 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edward Hayward introduced the speaker, William L. Travis, local partner in the law firm of Travis, Tinkham and Schreiner. He has long been active in the Chamber of Commerce, Central Lions Club, Indiana and American Bar Associations. Mr. Travis recognized and commented upon several familiar faces in the audience, especially Mr. and Mrs. Tony Seidler and Mr. & Mrs. Geiger whom he had lived next door to for twenty years. Mr. Travis got his law degree from Notre Dame University. He worked in South Bend while in school. Upon graduation he turned down an offer to work for whom he considered to be the most learned lawyer in South Bend because he wanted to do trial work. Hammond, South Bend and Fort Wayne were recommended to him. He chose Hammond and arrived in town the night the State Theatre was bombed. Hammond then was a strongly German community. He knew no German, but the people impressed him and he stayed. He recalled his first client, a woman from Dyer who walked in where the door was open and asked if her husband could sell their farm without her signature. He said no and she paid him \$2.00 and he was in business.

Mr. Travis recalled he was here during Hammond's tremendous growth and also at the time of the bank closures. He had all his money in the bank. He got into criminal work. At the time that Dillinger was housed in the Crown Point Jail, he had the opportunity to interview him and was offered his case, but after Dillinger escaped Mr. Travis was always glad he didn't accept it. Mr. Travis commented on several cases he had handled which led to his conclusion that the lawyer doesn't always get people off but that the man upstairs looks out for some of them. He explained how the explosion at Phil Smidt's occurred and the cause traced thru the fact the windows blew in and not out. A pipe line of natural gas coming in under the channel had developed a corroded pipe section where the gas escaped, collected in the basement window wells and when accidentally ignited, it blew in. He spoke very highly of Phil Smidt's having donated the restaurant to Calumet College and thru its income he is helping to establish one of the best local colleges for the working people's children. He said he has lived here thru Hammond's greatest days in history. He has seen the disbandment of the Jefferson Law School and the establishment of the Purdue Calumet. He pointed out how Indiana was always famous for yearning for cultural things. Thru a state wide interest in education, nobody is farther than fifty miles away from a school of higher learning. Many were church established. Mr. Travis believes that the cornerstones of the constitution are based in God and that we are creatures of God and must admit it.

The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, May 8, the annual dinner meeting, held this year at the First Presbyterian church. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1979
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Georgiana Brown	47 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Olive Seidler	1811 Ridge Road, Munster
Anthony Seidler	1811 Ridge Road, Munster
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
William Galvin	
Marjorie Sohl	

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING, TUE. MAY 8, 1979

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 8, 1979 at the First Presbyterian Church, 6021 Hohman Avenue, Hammond at 6 p.m. Vice President Julius Ebert welcomed the sixty-four members and guests. Rev. Karl E. Swanberg offered the invocation. The dinner, catered by Sarah Baranowski, was served, followed by Mr. Ebert's introduction of the officers and guests at the head table. Minutes of the last annual meeting on May 16, 1978 were read and approved. Roger Reeder presented the attached treasurer's report and commented we have about 300 members on the rolls but not all are paid up. We need to strive for more new members. We usually break even on the dinner but lose money on the bus tour, the next of which will be June 10 to the Bailly Homestead and the Lakeshore National Park @ \$3.00 per person.

Edward Hayward reported that the annual report of President Charles McGregor would be included in the newsletter. He reported for the Nominating committee the following slate of officers:

- President - Julius Ebert
- 1st Vice President - Alfred Hayes
- 2nd Vice President - Daryl Dunsing
- 3rd Vice President - Margaret Gunderson
- 4th Vice President - Roy Duke
- Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
- Treasurer - Roger Reeder
- Directors - Term expiring in May, 1983
- Mrs. Helen Hoyles
- Mrs. Stella Miner
- Mrs. Anna Stevesand
- Miss Eleanor Sulcer.

There being no further nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.

Mr. Ebert introduced the seven past presidents in attendance. Mrs. Nina Cravens conducted a very meaningful memorial service for the two members who passed away during the past year: former Mayor G. Bertram Smith and Thomas McIlwain. Father Vamos from St. Joseph's Church presented the Society with two copies of his recently completed history of the St. Joseph's Church. Mr. Hayward accepted them for inclusion in the Calumet Room collection.

Rev. Karl Swanberg, present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church gave a brief history of this church thru its three buildings: the first built in 1890 near Douglas and Hohman; the second at this Highland and Hohman location in 1917 and the current building at the same location built in 1977. He was raised in the Boston area to which his father came from Sweden in 1914. This church was constituted on April 19, 1891 with 30 charter members. The first church, a stone edifice was built in 1892 for only \$4000. In January 1916 the church burned down. A new one was built at Highland and Hohman, dedicated March 18, 1918. Ministers came and went quickly, but under Rev. Simpson and Rev. Harold Turpin the membership grew to over 1800. Over the years, it has mothered five churches in the area: at Dyer, Highland, Calumet City, Lansing and Munster. Each one drew some membership from the mother church, but it has remained strong and built a new church,

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the one in which we are now meeting, in 1977, incorporating an air conditioned sanctuary with a "no-step" entry. Many great people in Hammond's history have been members here. Rev. Swanberg invited all to visit the new sanctuary at the end of tonight's meeting. He presented the Calumet Room collection with two booklets: Fifty Shining Years, 1891-1941 published on the 50th anniversary of the church and Dedication of our New Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall published last year for the dedication of the new building.

Professor Richard Van Orman from Purdue University, Calumet Campus began his challenging presentation by passing out brochures which explain the Regional Studies Institute of Purdue. Mr. Van Orman defined the Calumet Region roughly as the area between the Illinois state line and Michigan City and north of Route 30. This area, often referred to as just "The Region" suffers from an image problem. Much of Indiana fits into James Whitcomb Riley's image of Hoosiers as white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestants of the old-swimming-hole variety. Instead the Calumet Region is a mixture of eighty different ethnic groups working in an industrial and urban environment which in itself is rich in history and folklore. The Regional Studies program at Purdue is trying to pass this rich heritage on to the youth of the area and make them proud to be from here by having the students work on writing down some of the history of the area.

Mr. Van Orman pointed out that because we are dominated by the larger Chicago Metropolitan area on TV coverage playing up the crime, pollution, political corruption and racial conflict, we need to start to cooperate with the other fifteen historical societies in the region to project our own image. We could join together for meetings and newsletters, or join with the Universities in promoting an annual history fair for high school students or work on local history projects to identify and preserve historic sites. Mr. Van Orman closed with the warning that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

Mr. Wilhelm, chairman of tonight's dinner, thanked Mr. Hayward for a job well done of editing the newsletter. He also announced that the next publication of the society will be coming out this summer on a history of professional baseball in Hammond written by Bill Tuley who was introduced here tonight.

Mr. Hayward pointed out that this is the twentieth year of our society and that in a few short years--1984--Hammond will be 100 years old and we need to be giving some thought to how we wish to commemorate this date. The June newsletter will carry details and reservation form for the annual bus tour, this year on June 10 to the Bailly Homestead and the National Lakeshore Visitor's Center.

Mrs. Robert Wilhelm took those who wanted it on a tour to the new sanctuary and pointed out some of its highpoints. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, TUE. MAY 8, 1979
ATTENDANCE

Anderson, Joyce
Arnold, Fern
Bach, Madeline
Bemisderfer, Dorothy
Bollin, Alice
Broadhurst, Helen
Clark, Mr.
Clark, Mr's daughter
Cleveland, Florence
Cravens, Nina
Dall, Fern
Duke, Roy
Dunsing, Daryl
Dunsing, Mrs. Daryl
Ebert, Julius
Ebert, Mrs. Julius
Eulen, Mrs. George
Feuerbach, Mrs.
Garrett, Fern
Geiger, Mr. H.J.
Geiger, Mrs. H.J.
Geiger, Herbert
Geiger, Mrs. Herbert
Gunderson, Margaret
Hanish, Ed.
Hanish, Mrs. Ed.
Hansen, Martha A.
Hartfield, Mabel & guest
Hausknecht, Emma

Hayward, Edward
Hayward, Mrs. Edward
Hohman, Caroline
Jonas, Willard
Jonas, Mrs. Willard
Kelley, Margaret
Lindner, Eulah
Luney, Tom
Luney, Mrs. Tom
Reeder, Roger
Reeder, Mrs. Roger
Richmond, Kate
Rutkowski, Tom
Sohl, Marjorie
Spangler, Melvin
Spangler, Mrs. Melvin
Stephan, Florence
Swanberg, Rev. Karl
Toney, Martha
Tuley, Bill and guest Ruth Austin
Unger, Clarence M.
Vamos, Rev. Joseph
Van Orman, Richard
Watts, Molly
Webb, Isabel
Wellsand, Leona
Wilhelm, John
Wilhelm, Mrs. John
Wilhelm, Marie
Williams, Leona
Woodward, Virgil
Woodward, Mrs. Virgil



THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1978 \$ 1,326.15

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 1,025.00	
Annual Dinner	625.00	
Bus Tour	86.50	
Comm. on sale of Bicentennial Bks.	16.00	
Refund	<u>2.50</u>	
	\$ 1,755.00	+ \$ 1,755.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 155.00	
Newsletter	146.52	
Membership Gifts	21.25	
Refreshments	25.00	
Annual Dinner	611.46	
Bus Tour	116.10	
Fairs Booth Rental	45.00	
Telephone Listing	13.20	
WW I letters	9.00	
Filing Corporate Report	10.00	
Historical Seminar	33.00	
Supplies	<u>71.65</u>	
(rec. bks., ck. print., mem- bership cards)		
	\$ 1,257.18	- \$ 1,257.18

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1979 \$ 1,823.97

REPORT ON LIFE MEMBERSHIPS (Endowment Fund Report)

Principal (Reeder, Sohl, Wilhelm)	\$300.00
Interest (to April 30, 1979)	<u>9.36</u>
Account Balance 4/30/79	\$309.36

Respectfully submitted,

Roger K. Reeder
Roger K. Reeder, Treasurer



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Hammond Historical Society

Hammond, Indiana



NINETEENTH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
19th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 8, 1979 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
6021 Hohman Ave. Hammond, Indiana

WELCOME..... Mr. Julius Ebert
INVOCATION..... Rev. Karl Swanberg

* DINNER *

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Annual Financial Statement
Roger Reeder, Treasurer
President's Annual Report
Charles MacGregor
Nominating Committee Report
Edward Hayward

MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Nina Cravens
Thomas McIlwain G. Bertram Smith

CENTENNIAL PRESENTATION..... Rev. Joseph Vamos

"HISTORY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
HAMMOND"..... Rev. Karl Swanberg

"THE CALUMET REGION".....
Professor Richard Van Orman,
Purdue University, Calumet Campus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

* DINNER CHAIRMAN - Mr. John F. Wilhelm *

OFFICERS 1978 - 1979

President..... Mr. Charles McGregor
1st Vice President..... Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh
2nd Vice President..... Mr. Calvin Bellamy
3rd Vice President..... Mr. Julius Ebert
4th Vice President..... Mr. Alfred Hayes
5th Vice President..... Mr. Daryl Dunsing
Secretary..... Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer..... Mr. Roger Reeder



DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1979

Mrs. Henry Hoyles
Miss Charlotte Kasten
Mrs. H. E. Miner
Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Miss Eleanor Sulcer

Term thru May, 1980

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer
Miss Margaret Gunderson
Mr. Tom Rutkowski
Mrs. Wanda Seevers
Mr. James Towle

Term thru May, 1981

Mr. Roland Clarke
Mr. Roy Duke
Mr. Edward Hanish
Mrs. Eileen Luney
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

Term thru May, 1982

Mr. H. J. Geiger
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman
Mrs. Edward Hayward
Mr. Bert Hindmarch
Mrs. Ruth Whitman

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979

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WW 1 letters.....	9.00
Filing Corporate Report.....	10.00
Historical Seminar.....	33.00
Supplies.....	71.65
Total Disbursements	\$1,257.18

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1979

\$1,823.97

PAST PRESIDENTS 1959 to 1978

Mr. John Wilhelm
 Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
 Mr. Edward B. Hayward
 Mrs. Vincent Bower
 Mr. George Nelson
 Mr. Anton Tapper*
 Mrs. Mary Peters*
 Mrs. Harry Wilson
 Mr. Walter Bell*
 Mrs. Henry Cleveland

Miss Marjorie Sohl
 Mr. Gordon Whitney
 Mr. Verlyn Mack
 Mrs. Nina Cravens
 Mrs. Ray Williams
 Mr. Kurt Marx*
 Miss Fern Arnold
 Mrs. Willard Jonas
 Mr. Charles McGregor

*Deceased

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Historical Officers

New officers of the Hammond Historical Society were elected Tuesday. Society officers include (from left to right): Jule Ebert, president; Edward Hayward, vice president; Marjorie Sohl, secretary and Roger Reeder, treasurer.

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Meeting Scheduled

HAMMOND — The 19th annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Karl E. Swanberg, associate pastor of the church, will be the host. He will give a brief history of the church where he has been associate pastor since 1976.

Professor Richard Van Orman, of Purdue University Calumet, will be the guest speaker. The title of his speech is "The Calumet Region." He has taught at Purdue for the past 12 years.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting Majorie Sohl at the Hammond Public Library at 564 State St.

The church is at 6021 Hohman Ave.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING, WED., JUNE 6, 1979

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 1979. President Julius Ebert presided. Eighteen members attended.

Mr. Wilhelm reported on the next publication project, the history of professional baseball in Hammond by Bill Tuley. It will be ready to mail this summer. It was decided to mail it out in August in an envelope along with the membership list, membership cards and the newsletter announcing the September meeting.

Meeting dates and times were discussed. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we move the starting time for our meetings back to 3 p.m. A compromise was reached at 2:30 p.m.. The first meeting was set for September 16. It was agreed to aim for the third Sunday of each month but the other dates were not set until date conflicts with other community activities as Community Concerts could be cleared. Third Sunday dates for meeting months would be: Sept. 16, 1979; October 21, 1979; November 18, 1979; January 20, 1980; February 17, 1980; March 16, 1980; April 20, 1980; May , 1980 Annual Meeting.

A church for the next annual meeting was discussed. Mr. Duke reported that Mr. Geiger had suggested the South Side Christian Church in Munster. They will need to be contacted.

A meeting time for Board meetings was discussed because several who work had been unable to come to this meeting. Saturday afternoon or Sunday before the regular meeting were alternatives. The next meeting was set for Sunday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m. with the October general meeting to follow at 2:30 p.m.

Brainstorming for program ideas resulted in the following suggestions:

1. Mr. Marciniak, Morton School history teacher on the Dunes State Park as a follow-up to the tour in June. (Roger Reeder)
2. Jim Lane, I.U. Northwest history teacher on his history of Gary.
3. Sam Ennis - Realator.
4. Clare Oesterle, Tri-City Electronics.
5. Vernon Vierck, Hessville Businessman
6. Frances Meyer, Indiana Botanical Gardens
7. Dr. Henry Eggers
8. Jerry Kutak, Glendale Park Slides.
9. Dean Mitchell
10. Vermette Family, Vermette Machine Co. 4111 Wabash Ave.
11. Henry Swiontek, 3744 Towle Ave, Polish people on the north side. (John Wilhelm)
12. Eye witness reports by each one as a mini-program or at the beginning of each meeting. Example, who saw Coolidge visit Wicker Park.

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13. Morton and Edison Schools facade designed by Emslie for Bob Hutton or Greig Kachorais (with Bachman's) who did the work on Calumet College. (Bert Hindmarch)
14. Altrusa Club - Mrs. Mitchell or Fern Arnold.
15. Irene Herlocker - Hoosier Prairie and Dr. Wilson of Purdue slides on it.
16. PTA - Mrs. Umbaugh or Mrs. John Androff.
17. Dr. Carlisle (Purdue) - WPA murals.
18. Odd Fellows Lodge - 100 years old in 1983. (Ed. Hanish)
19. Monon Railroad Society - Slide presentation on Monon RR in Indiana. (Bert Hindmarch)
20. Write up how Hammond got its name, the many versions.
21. Complete story on Woodmar. Bert Hindmarch has much of the original materials and early history he may give to Purdue.
22. Geneology of Bereolos Family - Two brothers, one had nine girls and one had nine boys. Many still live around here.
23. Follow up the foot note references in Powell Moore's book.

A discussion was held on the Hall of Fame project. Charles McGregor agreed to work on it. Bert Hindmarch also volunteered. It was suggested we work with the Chamber of Commerce on it. They are interested. Contact Bob Hirsch, president, or the new director, Bill Munson. Last Fortune Magazine had a good article on a Hall of Fame, 5 dead and 5 alive.

Mr. Hayward read a letter from DePauw University describing a project they are seeking help on preparing an inventory of Indiana Structures still standing that were constructed before 1930. They want locations of things like barns, mills, factories, bridges, etc. Mr. Hayward was instructed to answer their letter with an offer of the use of materials we have in the Calumet Room.

It was suggested to follow up Mr. Van Orman's suggestion of a History Fair and offer to co-sponsor with Purdue the History Seminar held each fall for the last five or more years. The Fair idea for students could be developed along with this event.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING, WED., JUNE 6, 1979
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Leona Williams	237 Highland Street, Hammond
Eileen Keane Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Bert A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Apt. 5, Munster
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL TOUR, SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1979

Fifty three members and friends of the Hammond Historical Society met at the corner of Waltham and Hohman at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 1979 where a 51 passenger bus was boarded for the annual tour which this year took them to visit the Bailly Homestead and Chellberg farm near Chesterton, Indiana. Plans had also included a visit to the cemetery and the National Lakeshore Information Center but we ran out of time. The bus was met by Rangers Sam and Carol and the group divided in half. Rangers covered the history of the area as well as outlining what the Nation Park Service is doing there now and hopes to do in the future. Rain threatened most of the afternoon but never materialized.

Participats included:

Fern Arnold
Ruth Arnold
Dorothy Bemisderfer
Florence Cleveland
Roy Duke
Mrs. Roy Duke
Julius Ebert
Arthur Elkins
Mrs. Arthur Elkins
Mildred Funk
Betty Gehrke
Clarence Gehrke
Henrietta Gillespie
Margaret Gunderson
Emma Hausknecht
Edward Hayward
Amelia Heathcote
Ralph Heathcote
Edna Helmbold
Bert Hindmarch
Marjorie Hindmarch
Caroline Hohman
Mrs. Kantz
Margaret Kelley
Hazel Lindstrom

Florence Miller
Helena Ostrander
Michael Oxley
Ruth Petrie
Roger Reeder
Adolph Ross
Mrs. Adolph Ross
Mary Ruch
Tom Rutkowski
Vincent Smith
Mrs. Vincent Smith
Marjorie Sohl
Melvin Spangler
Mrs. Melvin Spangler
Eleanor Sulcer
Wanda Seevers
Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh and 2 guests
Harold Wagner
Mrs. Harold Wagner
Molly Watts
Isabel Webb
John Wilhelm
Mrs. John Wilhelm
Irene Wilson
Rev. Balsley
Mrs. Balsley

Dr. Simhane

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Bailey Home

LY-CO-KI-WE TRAIL



Martin Marchant

INDIANA DUNES

NATIONAL

LAKESHORE



U.S. Department of the Interior



Open: 6:00 A.M. to dusk

Surface of Trail: Sandy

Terrain: Gentle slopes to level

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LYCOKIWE is a Miami word meaning "sandy ground." The trail begins on a series of sand dunes approximately 14,000 years old. After wandering through wet lowlands, which were once the bottom of a glacial lake, the trail passes through an area that was subject to a recent forest fire. A very dense, shrubby growth has grown up providing much shelter for wildlife. The trail then continues to another series of dune ridges of a later dune stage. Once these ridges were bare sand but now they are covered with vegetation. One can view many different plants from the trail. Black Oak, Tulip, Sassafras, Dogwood, and Serviceberry are a few of the trees that form the canopy over the forest floor. The floor itself is covered with wildflowers and ferns which provide shelter for an abundance of birds and other wildlife.

CAUTION: Hikers may use the trail. Riders, be alert when approaching hikers, other horses, and road crossings.

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FACILITIES

35-car parking lot (including trailers)
Picnic tables
Portable sanitary restrooms

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Please leave as little evidence of your visit as possible. Help protect the land and natural resources by staying on the trail. It is designed to have the least adverse impact on the environment. Cutting trees and picking plants are prohibited. Motorized vehicles are not allowed. Please travel only in the direction of the arrows on the trail and map. Riders should slow their horses to a walk or slow trot when passing persons on foot. Fires are permitted in grills or containers at the picnic area.

Open: 6 am to dusk
Distance from Visitor Center: 1 mile
Surface of Trail: sandy
Terrain: Gentle slopes to level
Length of Trail: 3.5 miles.

This park is young. Some properties are still in private ownership. Please respect landowners rights.

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The National Park Service administers more than 300 parks in the United States consisting of natural, historical and recreational areas. In 1966 an Act of Congress established the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to preserve certain portions of the Indiana Dunes for educational, inspirational and recreational use by the public.

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VISITOR CENTER

Location: Kemil Road and U.S. 12, three miles east of State Route 49

Hours: 8 am to 5 pm (winter); 8 am to 8 pm (summer)

Mailing address: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
RR 2, Box 139A
Chesterton, IN 46304

Phone: 219-926-7561

Visitor information, exhibits, audio-visual programs and literature on the dunes available. Books, post cards and other educational materials for sale.

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SAFETY

Safety is everybody's business. Don't let your visit be spoiled by an accident. Efforts have been made to provide for your safety but there are still hazards that require your alertness and vigilance. Please exercise common sense and caution.

Cook book - data

*Elsie Marx -
James, 5 plant*

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1979

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Tuesday, July 31, at 2 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Eighteen members were present. It was a meeting specially called by the president, Jules Ebert, to consider the question of the Hammond Historical Society cooperating with Purdue Calumet in the sponsorship of their annual one day history conference in November. When Bert Hindmarch brought up the question earlier in July, much of the program work had already been done and the program was ready to be printed. It was too late to be included in the program this year. After some discussion, on a motion by Eleanor Sulcer, seconded by John Wilhelm and carried unanimously, it was decided that in the future years the Hammond Historical Society cooperate with the Purdue University History Department in the sponsorship of their annual conference for History and Social Science Teachers. It was further decided our support this year could take the form of publicizing the Nov. 3 conference thru our Bulletin in September, of including a flyer about it in our October Bulletin, and of encouraging our own members to attend. Registration fee is \$7.00 which includes lunch.

Mr. Ebert reported that when officers were elected in May, a fifth Vice President was not included on the slate because the nominating committee had not been able to fill the position. Since that time he has asked Bert Hindmarch to consent to fill that position. On a motion by Charles McGregor, seconded by John Wilhelm, the motion was carried and he was elected unanimously. The fifth vice president is in charge of programs. He was given the list of suggestions from the last Board meeting. The first two programs this year have already been arranged by Roger Reeder--Martin Maciniac for Sept. 16 and Jim Lane for Oct. 21.

Roger Reeder also suggested we consider a bus trip to the LaPorte County Court House where they now have a museum which houses a most unusual gun collection and typical period doctor's and dentist's offices. It is normally closed on Sunday but he offered to see if he could arrange for them to open it for us for a visit on the second Sunday in June, 1980. It is about an hour's bus ride each way. He was instructed to do so.

It was suggested to Bert Hindmarch that a program be included sometime soon at which several members give short talks. Mr. Duke, Mr. Ebert and Mrs. Cravens were volunteers. This was tentatively scheduled for the Nov. 18 meeting.

Some discussion was held again on the proposal of a Hall of Fame. Similar programs of the Exchange Club, Chamber of Commerce, Hessville Historical Society, and East Chicago's program were reviewed. An enlarged committee was appointed to meet and draw up some guide lines and report back at the September meeting of the Society. This committee included Chairman, Charles McGregor, John Wilhelm, Alfred Hayes, Roy Duke, Roger Reeder, Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh, Mrs. Florence Cleveland, Marjorie Sohl and President Jules Ebert. A meeting of this committee was set for Thursday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Calumet Room.

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A letter from Tom Rutkowski was referred to but not read. It was suggesting the Historical Society concern itself with a contest thru the public schools on Hammond History. Some reference was made to the once-in-your-school-career study of Hammond history which is a unit in the fourth grade of the Hammond schools. A history of the schools was done by Anne Hopman for the Bicentennial. Also Bert Keeler was working on one. The brief three page mimeographed history which the library prepared was shown as a handout used in the Calumet Room when students are interested.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1979

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave. Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Fern Arnold	Highland
Wanda SeEVERS	Lansing
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Eileen K. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Leona Williams	237 Highland Street, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Al Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Ed. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
C. E. McGregor	
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 16, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 1979 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Julius Ebert presided. Thirty-four signed the attendance sheet.

Each one attending was asked to introduce himself. Roy Duke, in charge of membership said he had started a telephone campaign to try to reach people who had been dropped from the new membership list and to encourage them to come back. He offered to arrange ways for people to get to meetings if they would notify him.

Roger Reeder reported \$1664.66 in the treasury plus \$400 in the life membership account.

Charles McGregor reported the committee is at work with the Rotary Club committee making plans for the first Hammond National Recognition Award. The date has been set for February 12, 1980 at the Wicker Park Social Center.

Bert Hindmarch announced he is working on and is open to suggestions for programs for future meetings. Prof. Lane of I.U. Northwest will speak at the Oct. 21st meeting and Howard Vermette at the Nov. 18 meeting.

Mr. Hayward read a letter received announcing the Highland Historical Society ceremony on Saturday, September 29th at 11 a.m. to dedicate a memorial monument at 3410 Ridge Road. It will mark the location of the first home in Highland. All are invited. He also showed an old locally published cook book which was among Warren Reeder's possessions. It was not dated and an appeal was made for anyone knowing anything about it to let us know. From the names in it, some thought it to be from the early 1900's. It is being considered to be reproduced for the next society publication.

Fern Arnold announced that Elsie Marx, widow of Kurt Marx, had fallen and broken her wrist. She is staying at her sister's home in Lansing. Fern gave her name and address if anyone would like to send her greetings.

Roger Reeder introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Martin D. Marciniak, curator and historian for the Dunes National Lakeshore Park. He is a history teacher at Morton Middle School. Mr. Marciniak was born and raised in East Chicago and now lives in Munster. His program was meant to be a follow-up to our tour to the Bailley Homestead at the Dunes National Lakeshore since he was unable to join us there for the tour.

Mr. Marciniak used slides to illustrate his remarks, starting out by showing a map to indicate the irregular boundries of the park and some of the problems met in creating the park. In the early 1900's, extensive sand mining was being carried on. Sand was loaded into lake boats and transported to Chicago to help create Grant Park. In the 1920's the area of the Dunes State Park was slated for sand mining.

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That was when local citizens organized to "Save the Dunes" and the State Park was created. The more recent National Lakeshore was a compromise to try to preserve more of the area and still permit the building of the Port of Indiana and Bethlehem and Midwest Steel plants.

Potaiwatomi Indians camped in this area in the summers and moved south to the Kankakee Marsh in the winters. It is hard to prove if Father Marquette really visited this area, but diaries of Jesuit Missionaries are found in the library at Notre Dame that indicate they were in this area.

Chanute, the developer of the first glider, did much of his early experimentation in the Dunes area. His glider was probably a forerunner of the Wright Brothers plane.

Mr. Marciniak said there are a couple locomotives lost in the Dunes. One belonged to a sand mining company and one the Michigan Central Railroad lost when it fell into a bog. The story also goes around of gold still buried there from the days of the old stage coach route where it passed into Lake County at a weigh station. The attendant buried gold in his yard because of Indian raids. In one of them he was killed and the gold is still thought to be buried there somewhere.

Some slides showing before and after pictures of the Bailey Homestead, coach house, and cemetery were shown. Indiana University provided an archaeological dig to discover foundations for the original buildings and the buildings are being restored to their turn-of-the-century conditions. It is hoped that the first two floors of the Bailey House may soon be opened to visitors, but what can be done depends on what funding comes thru to continue the work. This year shuttle buses transport visitors from the visitor's center to the Bailey House.

In a question period, Mr. Marciniak indicated his favorite places for viewing fall colors in the area are along the old route 12 from Bethlehem Steel to Michigan City by car, around Beverly Shores on the South Shore, the old Chellberg Farm, and from the top of Mt. Baldy looking south.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. with cookies, coffee and tea served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER, 16, 1979
ATTENDANCE

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Roger K. Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond
Geraldine R. Bartels	223 Timrick Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Viola Duke	929 Michigan Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	929 Michigan Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Mildred Brant	3505 Highway, Highland
Gladys Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indiilli Park, Hammond
B. A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Mr & Mrs. John Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Thomas Rutkowski	1255 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Edland Ruth Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6638 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society Board of Directors met at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1979 before the regular program meeting. Fourteen members were present. Mr. Julius Ebert presided.

Mr. Ebert reported having seen an 1897-98 Lake County Blue Book and that Mr. Vermett, our speaker at the next meeting, has a copy of the 1908 City Directory. Both of these seem to be different than any in our files at present.

Mr. Hayes, Vice President in charge of projects, said he has been assigned the job of collecting pictures of each of the former presidents of the society. He wants a 5 x 7 print of each. Another project suggested was sponsorship of an essay contest in the schools.

Margaret Gunderson reported that she had contacted the South Side Christian Church in Munster, formerly in Hammond, to host our annual meeting in May. Rev. Calvin Phillips agreed to speak on the history of the church. She said there would be a \$30.00 custodial fee. On a motion by Mr. Wilhelm, seconded by Mr. Hayward and carried, the place was decided upon. Miss Gunderson was instructed to work out the best date with the church, May 20, 27 or 13, and to decide on a menu and price. Volunteers to a committee to work with her on plans for the dinner were Florence Cleveland and Fern Arnold.

Mr. Duke, Membership chairman, reported that he was continuing to call people dropped from the latest membership list, but was having little success.

Bert Hindmarch reported that he had the next two programs, for November and January lined up and was still open to suggestions for February, March and April. Mr. Howard Vermett will speak at the November 18th meeting and Mr. C. Edward Hedstrom will speak on January 20, 1970 about his days as a South Shore conductor. Other ideas on which he is working included:

1. Clare and Lucy Osterlie
2. Mr. Dunn from Minor-Dunn
3. Harold Hagbarth on the labor movement
4. Dolly Knotts Bower
5. Put Hammond History into 5 year groups and ask for members to contribute their pieces of information to fill out each 5 year period.

Members were again reminded of the up-coming History and Social Science Conference at Purdue Calumet on Saturday, November 3. Fliers were included in the last buletin.

Mr. Hayward reported for the committee that has been meeting with a committee from Rotary to plan the first annual Hammond Achievement Award. Irv. Cross has been selected as the first awardee. The dinner at which the award will be made has been set for April 1 at Wicker Park Social Center. The estimated expenses were reported to be about \$500.

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The committee sought an expression from the society to share these expenses with Rotary. Mr. Hayward moved that the society continue with the cooperative planning committee and be authorized to share the cost. Roland Clarke seconded the motion and it was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

NAME

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Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Ave, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward St, Highland
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Ave, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	66-9 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Roland (Ron) Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Leona Williams	237 Highland Street, Hammond
Julius Ebert	
Marjorie Sohl	
John Wilhelm	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society met for a regular program meeting at 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1979 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Mr. Julius Ebert presided. Thirty-three signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the September 16th meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Hayes reported on the project to collect pictures of the past presidents of the society and asked any present to get a 5 x 7 picture to him. Margaret Gunderson reported the place of the annual dinner had been selected to be the South Side Christian Church in Munster on May 20 or 13. Mr. Duke reminded members that a copy of one of our publications is free with a new membership. Use this fact to promote membership. Bert Hindmarch reported the program speakers had been engaged for the next two meetings, November 18 and January 20, 1980. The Hammond Achievement Award dinner has been scheduled for April 1, 1980.

Roger Reeder introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. James Lane, of the history department at Indiana University Northwest. Roger said Mr. Lane was one of the two people in the room responsible for part of his history education, Roland Clarke in grade school and Jim Lane in college. Mr. Lane said that he was born in Pennsylvania and migrated here in 1970 when he came to Gary to work on his PhD. His book on Gary, THE CITY OF THE CENTURY, was the result of his study. He had never been to this area until he came to I.U. Northwest for an interview as an urban historian. Gary, Indiana meant only a song from "Music Man" and the home of black mayor Richard Hatcher. From his friend in Harvey he was briefed on Gary's racial polarization, its gambling and prostitution. He read Jean Shepherd's IN GOD WE TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH, and learned more about the area's steel mills and arctic winds off the lake, bowling allies and tap roots.

Mr. Lane was hired to put together a course in urban history. He decided to localize it so in the course they learned about this last city to be founded in Indiana and its background as a company experiment of U. S. Steel. It was much like the early frontier towns of the gold rush days, attracting adventuresome people who had been bored and failures in other places. Gary's first mayor, Tom Knotts, was determined not to have the town run by U.S. Steel so he was in constant conflict. William Wirt, an early leader in the progressive education system in Gary soon became famous nationwide and his system was carried all over. Gary's history reflects the ups and downs of the nation's history since 1900. There was a boom during World War I with the foreign born working hard because of their fear for their loyalty. They participated in the 1919 steel strike and refused to return to work, even when the Gary mayor requested troops to enforce it. They agitated for unionization. Gary boomed in the '20's as the nation did. It experienced rapid growth and a building boom as the population doubled to over 100,000. But then its troubles began. It did not enjoy good government, the Ku Klux Klan was active, the blacks moved in and racial prejudice arose. Gary Roosevelt school was established as an all black school to try to settle the prejudice in the schools. The nation's problems were Gary's problems and at the 1929 crash, all but one bank collapsed, and the city was unable to stay solvent. They paid in script as they made cuts everywhere.

They changed politically from Republican to Democratic. The power enjoyed by U.S. Steel was changed by unionization and new leadership emerged. Immigration laws reduced the number of people coming from Europe so Mexicans flowed in. Then they were not welcomed and given one way tickets out of Gary in freight cars. Gary revived economically after World War II but the Democratic Party machine got powerful and problems grew with strikes, vandalism, crime, juvenile delinquency and vice. Gary's reputation suffered when the mayor, George Chicharis, went to jail for income tax evasion. The black population grew to over 50 % and were crowded into a small mid-town area. The Black Power Movement led by Richard Hatcher too over. His imaginative programs attracted large federal funding and they now are attempting to rebuild the downtown area. Its future is still uncertain.

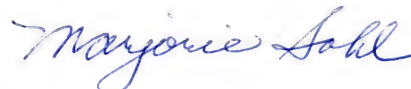
Mr. Lane has attempted to involve his urban history classes in the study of their local history and the writing of their own ethnic background. Out of that has grown irregular columns in the Gary Post Tribune and the production of several issues of "Steel Shavings," a collection of original writings on Gary by his students. They have published five of them:

1. On Gary Institutions
2. On Immigrant experiences
3. On the Depression
4. On World War II years
5. On the 50's.

Two are being planned on work experiences and on the 20's. Mr. Lane had copies for sale of his book at \$10.00 and the Steel Shavings at \$1.00 apiece.

After a brief question period, the meeting adjourned at 4p.m. for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1979
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John F. Wilhelm	Munster, Indiana
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street
Florence Cleveland=	8948 White Oak, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Fern E. Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Roland (Ron) Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. G. W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Howard Vermette	4111 Wabash Avenue, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Leona Williams	237 Highland Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Georgiana Brown	47 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
James Lane	9649 Maple Pl, Gary
Betty and Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Dr. & Mrs. E. R. Balsley	24 - 172nd Place, Hammond
Caroline M. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
J.K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1979

The Hammond Historical Society met for a regular meeting on Sunday, November 18, 1979 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Julius Ebert presided. Thirty-five signed the attendance sheet.

Each person attending introduced himself. Alfred Hayes, projects chairman, working on the collection of pictures of the past presidents, reported that we have all but the last five presidents. Letters were sent to them and one has returned a picture so far. Mr. Ebert reported for the publicity chairman who was absent that the article appeared in today's paper in the "Seniors in Action" column announcing today's meeting. Margaret Gunderson reported on the annual meeting plans. May 20 or 13th dates had been requested but neither confirmed yet. Roy Duke reported he was calling all who were in arrears on their dues but had had little success in reaching them or getting them to come out to a meeting. Bert Hindmarch, program chairman, announced the speaker at the next meeting January 20, 1980, would be Mr. Ed. Hedstrom, a South Shore Railroad engineer for many years. Minutes of the October 21, 1979 meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1919.16 plus \$400 for four life memberships. John Wilhelm pointed out that we have plenty of Bicentennial books on hand yet for \$5.00 each. Dues to the Society are \$5.00 a year. A person may join the Society and get a Bicentennial book, both for \$5.00, a bargain!

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker, Mr. Howard Vermette. Mr. Vermette began by presenting Mr. Ebert with his copy of a 1908 City Directory from the year in which he was born. He found his family name listed in there, indicating they were long-time residents of Hammond. He set the nostalgic stage for his comments by remembering such things as:

1. Farmers selling vegetables from their wagons on the city streets.
2. Ice wagons
3. Cold boxes in the window in winter
4. Frozen milk raised out of the bottle tops.
5. Rags and scrap iron collectors.
6. Tar streets softened by the sun.
7. Eggs put in a paper sack when purchased.
8. Delux and Orpheum Theatres with vaudeville acts.

His father was a painter and decorator. He had just finished painting the organ in the State Theatre the day before the theatre blew up. He said he had been conservative all his life. His business was fined \$90,000 for not paying dividends. He felt his caution with funds stemmed from his living thru the depression resulting in his desire to pay cash for everything in his business. When 15 years old, he quit school after 2½ years at Tech, in order to become an apprentice painter for his father. He promised to continue to study and took a correspondence course in electricity. His uncle had a motor repair shop in Michigan. At 19 years old he felt prosperous until the crash came in 1929 and he lost some money. In 1932 he married with \$19 cash after making a down payment on a wedding ring. A neighbor had an apartment he'd been unable to rent so let him live in it. He picked up a few PWA jobs and worked some on building of the Post Office building at State and Oakley. He applied for welfare and they gave his wife a job working for the Red Cross.

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He worked 2½ years at Ypsilanti, Michigan for 45¢ an hour and saved to buy a second hand Ford. He became tired of being away from Hammond and returned in 1937. During the winter the water froze up in their pipes. He used his electrical course and a sign transformer to rig up a mechanism for thawing pipes. He started a little business of thawing pipes. He bought an old house, now over 100 years old, for \$1600 and a \$200 down payment. He worked from 1937-40 for Western Austin Company as a machinist. That company moved to Aurora and he didn't want to move. He worked for Manhattan shirts till they left Hammond after having trouble with the union. Then he went to Jewell Paint and Varnish Co. He went to Thornton Fractional High School to work on getting an engineers license. The Second World War came when he was working with International Harvester on training men on tanks. He wanted to enlist to have a choice but he was told he could not be replaced. Then he worked for the Blitz Can and solved their problem of leaking cans. He worked there till the war ended and he left to start his own business. He joined forces with his brother-in-law, Howard Smith, a good salesman. Mr. Vermette developed a machine to thread pipes and his brother-in-law sold them. They sold 1000 in a year at \$285 apiece. Their garage soon got too small for the business and he bought the property at 143rd and State Line. The business went well until plastic and copper pipe came in to use. He looked for something else to manufacture. Chase Supply needed a way to lift a 2000 pound heater to the ceiling for mounting. He developed a hi-jack, similar to the bumper jack for cars. They get a patent on everything they make. Mr. Vermette left the attached folder on their portable lifts which they still manufacture. After a few questions, the meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. with refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Chicago.
THE TIMES Sunday, November 18, 1979

HAMMOND MEMORIES

Howard H. Vermette, a longtime Hammond resident, will tell about "the good old days" at the November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m.

today in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Vermette, born July 22, 1908, is owner of the Vermette Machine Co. in North Hammond. He also will give a history of his company.

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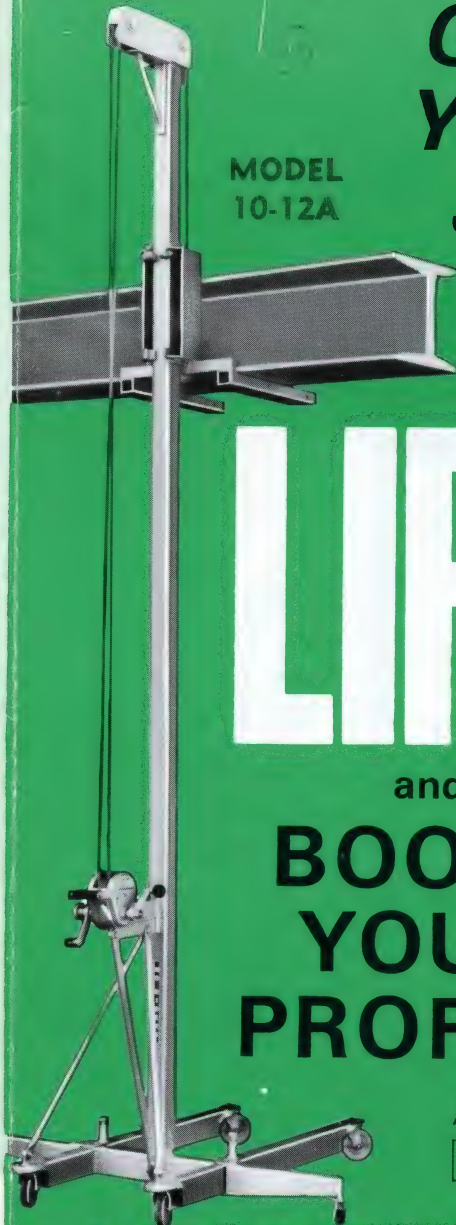


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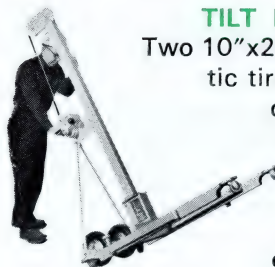


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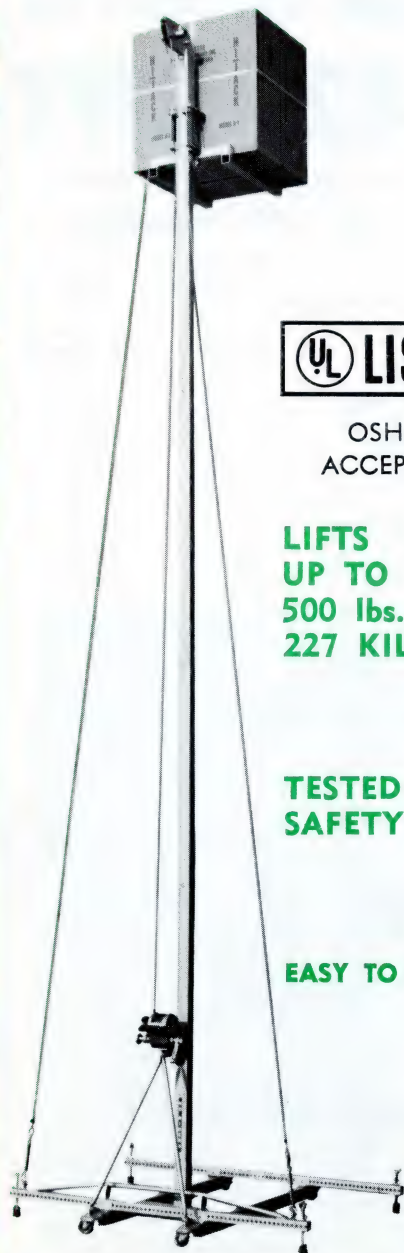


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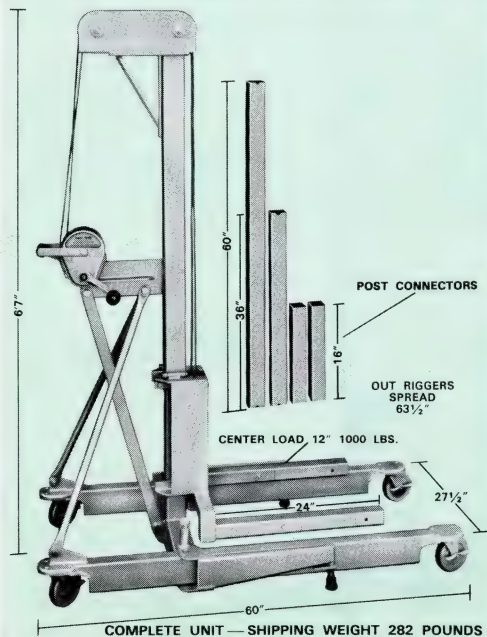
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Rudy Folta	7732 Hohman Avenue, Munster
John J. Wadas, Sr.	63 Glendale Park, Apt. 2, Hammond
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Thomas & Eileen Luney	8342 Achreiber Drive, Munster
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Caroline M. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	Munster
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magaun Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hajjond
Helen M. Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Parkway, Hammond
Howard Vermette	4111 Wabash Avenue, Hammond
Albert & Esther Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Ed & Ruth Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 Whiteoak Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward, Avenue, Highland
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 1, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Rudolph Todd	8222 Howard Avenue, Munster
Della Watkins	7228 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Lorraine Ferrari	3811 Cameron Avenue, Hammond
Mark Ferrari	3811 Cameron Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1980

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, January 20, 1980 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Julius Ebert presided. In ~~XX~~ contrast to last January, this was a beautiful sunny day and fifty-five members and friends attended and signed the attendance sheet.

All those present were asked to sign slips of paper for a door prize drawing. They were given a choice of one of the society's publications. Then a group of five retired musicians who call themselves The Senior Citizen Trubadors played a group of seven old-time favorites and the audience joined in a sing-along in three of the numbers. The musicians were George Whitnich, Vernon Neer, Henry Geiger, Al Besler and Ilis Wood.

Committee chairmen who reported were Margaret Gunderson on the annual dinner, now scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, at the South Side Christian Church in Munster. Price will be around \$6.00. Bert Hindmarch, program chairman, announced that the next meeting on February 17 will feature Lance Trusty from Purdue Calumet who will speak on Hammond during the last 50 years, the period which he covers in his forthcoming book, to update Powell Moore's Calumet Region. Chuck McGregor called attention to the accompanying article that appeared in the Hammond Times last Friday announcing the First Hammond Achievement Award to be presented April 1, 1980 to Irv Cross at a dinner at Wicker Park Social Center by the Hammond Rotary Club and the Hammond Historical Society. The committee is working on plans for the event and tickets will be on sale soon.

Mr. Ebert reported for Roger Reeder of a balance in the treasury of \$1925. Roger has made arrangements for the annual bus tour on June 15, 1980 to go this year to the Laporte County Historical Society Museum. They will open especially for us that afternoon.

Mr. Ebert reported that John Wilhelm had fallen and broken a hip and was in the hospital in Florida. A card was made available on the entrance table for friends to sign to send to him.

Minutes of the November 18, 1979 meeting were read and accepted.

Bert Hindmarch, clutching his freshly autographed copy of the history of the South Shore, introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. C. Edward Headstrom, the photographer of many of the early pictures included in the book, but more importantly, a motorman on the South Shore Railroad since 1939.

Mr. Headstrom gave a brief personal background of himself, born in 1918 in Michigan City. His father worked as an engineer on the Michigan Central Railroad. In 1921 when his father went to work for the South Shore Railroad, they moved from Beverly Shores back to Michigan City where the main yards of the South Shore were maintained. Mr. Headstrom said he can't remember a time in his youth when he did not plan on being a motorman on the South Shore like his father. He was out of high school and working in a meat market when his opportunity came to start as an apprentice brakeman. He recalled memories of many

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well known people who rode the South Shore regularly, also a girl who rode regularly from Gary to Hammond who became his wife.

The history of the South Shore is documented in the book by William Middleton. It began in 1901 as the Chicago and Indiana Air Line. It was a hot air line instead of an electric line and ran from Hammond to East Chicago in competition with the Hammond-Whiting line. By 1905, U.S. Steel was building Gary and by mid 1906 the J.G. White Electric Railway Engineering firm had completed a survey and planned for the entire line from Hammond to South Bend and even then visualized connecting with the Chicago suburban lines at Kensington. Later that year James B. Hanna, head of the C.L.S. and S.B. obtained the necessary funding to proceed with the construction. He directed the construction and became the first president and for years it was known as the Hanna Line, until it was taken over by Insull. It was built with unusual foresight. Though it was built for steam road standards, it was planned for 75 m.p.h. speeds with gentle curves. Most electric lines operated on 600 volts but the Hanna Line ran on 6600 A.C. power. Construction began late in 1906 and the first publicity trip from South Bend to Hudson Lake resulted in 24 cars being ordered in 1907. The first revenue trip was run June 30, 1908. It was 32 miles and took from 10:30 to 1:30--three hours going but it made the run back in one hour and fifteen minutes. Now it takes only twenty-eight minutes to go that 32 miles. They started regular service the next day between Michigan City and South Bend and on September 6, 1908 from South Bend to Hammond. By 1912 they arranged to get over the IHB tracks to connect up with the Kensington and Eastern and went all the way through to Randolph Street. The line fell into financial trouble at the time Sam Insull was beginning to emerge as a utilities tycoon. The South Shore was declared bankrupt June 29, 1925 and went into receivership. Insull took it over and made it into a super line. They rebuilt the roadbed, ordered new equipment, and refurbished the stations. These new cars were only eight years old when he started to work on them in 1939. By 1932 there again were service cuts and in 1933 were bankrupt again. J. Sam Hart took it over thru the war years and they started to rebuild the cars again in 1942. They cut the cars in two and added a section in the middle increasing 62 foot cars to 80 feet long and thus increased seating to get thru the war years. Now they are in the C & O operated years and talking about getting more new cars. The South Shore has used piggy-back cars since 1926 so this is not such a new idea.

Mr. Headstrom then took us on a train-fan trip by showing slides he had taken over the years of South Shore trains and cars and along his runs into Chicago. He also showed many slides of cars in the grave yard in Michigan City--the sad sight of equipment that is allowed to deteriorate in the elements when it wears out. Mr. Headstrom answered a few questions from the audience and passed out current South Shore schedules to all who wanted them. After the meeting he was given a copy of the publication on the Hagenbeck Wallace circus wreck when it was learned his father, when working for the Michigan Central Railroad, helped clean up that wreck.

Eileen Luney won the doorprize drawing and selected the publication "No performance Today."

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. with refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1980
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing
John F. Beckman III	12 Warren Street, Hammond
Alvin Bessler	7449 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Donald E. Kaegebein	1412 Greenlawn Drive, Munster
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Eileen and Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City
Caroline M. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Emma and Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Louise Bond	6703 Calumet Avenue, Hammond
Claude Bond	6703 Calumet Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Evainex Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Florence Doolady	930 - 169th Place, Hammond
Henrietta Gillespie	5661 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Martha Toney	6350 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Florence Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
V.G. Neier	2329 - 176th Place, Lansing
Ilus Wood	1194 Joliet Street, Dyer
Florence Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Leona Bessler	7449 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Helen Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Jean and Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Ruth Ewing	5946 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Jo Huck	7133 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Fannie Abbott	6819 Rosewood Avenue, Hammond
June Toren	6432 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ferran	3811 Cameron Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1980

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 18, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Julius Ebert presided. Thirty five signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting opened with each person present introducing himself. The only committee reports were Margaret Gunderson repeating the date and place of the annual meeting, May 20th at the South Side Christian Church, and Charles McGregor reported on the Hammond Achievement Award dinner on April 1 at the Wicker Park Social Center. Tickets are now available from the secretary at \$15. Minutes of the January 20, 1980 meeting were read and accepted. Roger Reeder reported \$1894.58 in the treasury with approximately 75 members delinquent in their dues. He announced arrangements had been made for the bus trip June 15 to the LaPorte Historical Society Museum where they have housed the second largest gun collection in the U.S.

Bert Hindmarch, program chairman, introduced the speaker for the day, Dr. Lance Trusty, history professor of Purdue Calumet and originator of the History Conference held annually at Purdue. Dr. Trusty, who is authoring a book on the last fifty years of the Calumet Region, spoke on that subject.

Dr. Trusty first defined the Calumet Region by pointing out its unique qualities that set it apart from the rest of the state: geographically that area drained by the three Calumet River tributaries; the Indiana part of Metropolitan Chicago; and the industrial and residential areas of Lake and Porter counties. Now, in 1980, this includes most of the two counties, down to the Kankakee River, as the residential and business areas expand into the southern agricultural areas of the counties.

The Calumet Region has been populated by waves of migrations: First came the farmers to the central part of the county; Second, in the 1880's came the Yankee businessmen of New England origins and also an overflow from Chicago; Third came George Hammond and the meat packing plant with the German meatcutters that he hired. It was an obnoxious ecological disaster followed by a fourth wave of foul smelling crude oil when the Rockefellers put Standard Oil in the area. Fifth came steel with Inland Steel moving from a junk yard to a steel maker followed by U.S. Steel in Gary. Thus 1880 to 1910 marked the Industrial Revolution in the Calumet Region. Population boomed as the Eastern Europeans were attracted here as laborers were needed up to World War I when the open door policy ended. In the 1920's many Mexicans came and from 1925 on many blacks from the south, followed by many southern whites fleeing rural poverty in the south. The Latinos arrived since the '40's and the middle class has been the last to arrive as industrial executives have been moved into the area from all over the country. They are in the area but not of it, contributing in time, taxes, and talents and most living in the southern residential communities--the bedroom communities.

The dominant characteristics of the area are Dunes in the north populated by an ethnic, black and brown mix. Moving south to the central

ridges the economic backbone of the county is located and farther south are the swamps with characteristics of Protestants and Republicans.

Dr. Trusty pointed out that the history of this area is the history of the nation in miniature. He enumerated ten forces of events that have shaped the area in the last fifty years:

1. Depression. After ten years of prosperity, all was destroyed in the worst economic disaster that ever hit the U.S. Of a population of 260,000, all but 30,000 were urban, and hardly a family was not touched by unemployment or under employment because they spread the jobs available with a shorter work week. Relief then was unacceptable. People had come here from foreign countries and had no roots elsewhere. A generation was raised with a mistrust of the banks for the people never got over the effects of the depression.
2. Failure of local and state government to help people thru these times because they too were bankrupted led to the development of a strong federal government when the National Democratic Party delivered the goods in the '30's. Franklin Roosevelt created an urban blue collar nucleus.
3. Unionization became the rule during the '30's as the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, SWOC, came thru and organized. Both steel and oil organized and compelled a redistribution of the wealth creating a prosperous population.
4. Industry here lacked a responsibility to the area. Decisions which affected the people here were made in company headquarters in Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York and Washington.
5. Automation phases out the large group of blue collar workers with no planning for their future. Fewer and fewer people make more and more steel each year.
6. Prosperity has been the pattern since 1940 and the new generation can't believe what the depression was like here.
7. Racial Polarization has been the result of the influx of Blacks an Puerto Ricans who have been confined to beginning jobs.
8. South county migration has resulted from the white flight south to give the Blacks some turf. This has also created the demand to develop a good transportation system, now increased by the rise in gas prices.
9. Rise of five Universities in this area has made it possible for the blue collar workers to get an education and now the tendency is for graduates to want to stay here to work, creating an educated establishment.
10. Culturally the area is overpowered by Chicago and it is difficult to develop local newspapers, TV, art and drama, and difficult for us to influence these areas in Chicago.

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A look to the future indicates that ethnic and religious differences have disappeared. We are now just two societies, black and white. Hammond has become stable but will it remain so? The south county will prosper as a world apart, now rich and prosperous while the northern part, the old Calumet Region, is a mix of brown and black and ethnic, uneducated, declining industry and declining cities with governments that do not know their problems.

Mr. Hayward read a letter from Edward Keleher of Purdue Calumet, the coordinator for the "National History Day" program at Purdue on March 22. It was an appeal for the Hammond Historical Society to help sponsor the program by a donation to be used to help cover the cost of prizes and awards. Such a donation would be matched by a like donation by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The day is to climax open competition in the schools in the form of essays, dramatic productions, and projects centering on the theme of "The Individual in History." A motion by Charles McGregor to contribute \$50 in support of the program was seconded and carried.

Mr. Hayward also reported that our application for space at the International Cultural Festival has been received. Cost of booth space has been increased to \$40 for a selling booth and \$10 for an exhibit only booth. Bert Hindmarch moved that the Society apply for a \$10 exhibit only booth. Tom Rutkowski seconded the motion and it carried.

Clarence Gehrke's name was drawn for a door prize, a free choice of one of the Society's publications. He chose the Bicentennial book. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. with refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1980
ATTENDANCE

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Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy H. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Alfred & Jean Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Virgil & Helen Petty	1522 Parkview Avenue, Whiting
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Ill.
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. James Adams	1721 Stanton Street, Whiting
Art & Dotty Clark	14 Rimbach Street, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Helen & Herb Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Roy & Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey Street, Hammond
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1980

The Board of Directors met at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 1980 in the Community Room, Hammond Public Library. Present were Julius Ebert, Roy Duke, Margaret Gunderson, Alfred Hayes, Edward Hayward, Daryl Dunsing, and Wanda SeEVERS.

Al Hayes reported he had obtained quotations on the framing of pictures of the past presidents. Twenty pictures in two long frames, ten to a frame would cost \$106 from Miles of Woodmar, \$152 from Sandrick Framing Gallery in Whiting. The Board recommended going ahead with Miles.

Jules Ebert recommended advertising our annual meeting in the Bulletin Board in the Times and he was so authorized.

Margaret Gunderson reported that the menu at the annual dinner meeting at the South Side Christian Church on May 20 would include beef, baked potato, salad and desert. There will be a \$30 custodial fee. It was decided to charge \$6.50 per person. A reservation form will be included in the April NEWSLETTER.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hayward, Secretary
pro tem

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1980

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 16, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Julius Ebert presided. Thirty members and guests signed the attendance sheet.

After self introductions by those present, President Ebert called for committee reports. Al Hayes reported that he had obtained most of the pictures of past presidents. These will be printed in a uniform size and framed in two frames of ten each to be hung in the Calumet Room. Margaret Gunderson reported on plans for the annual meeting at the South Side Christian Church, May 20. Edward Hayward reported on plans for the first Hammond Achievement Award Dinner honoring Irv Cross on April 1 at the Wicker Park Social Center. He also reported on future programs in the absence of the program chairman. Bert Hindmarch has arranged for Maurey Zlotnik to speak at the next meeting, April 20. Mr. William Bachman will be the speaker at the annual meeting. In the absence of the secretary, the minutes of the meeting of February 18 were accepted but not read.

President Ebert reported that the Board of Directors had recommended that Charles McGregor be elected to fill the term of Eleanor Sulcer on the Board. This was put in the form of a motion by Dorothy Bemisderfer, seconded by Florence Miller and passed.

Mr. Hayward introduced Dr. John Raymer of the Purdue Calumet University English Department who read a paper on "Literary Perspectives of the Calumet Region," a copy of which he presented to our Society for the Calumet Room collection. His talk and the discussion following was also recorded on tape to be filed in the Calumet Room.

Helen Broadhurst's name was drawn for the door prize. She chose "Red Crown Gasoline" by Robert Heinze as her free copy of a Society publication. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Hayward, Secretary pro tem

THE TIMES Sunday, March 16, 1980

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. today at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

John Raymer, a teacher at Purdue University Calumet, will talk about American authors who have drawn on the Calumet Region's geography, history and sociology for their works.

Authors included in his talk are Julia Altrocchi, Edna Ferber, Carl Sandburg, John Cheever, Saul Bellow, John Steinbeck and Jean Shepherd.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1980
ATTENDANCE

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Mrs. Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond	
Dorothy Bemisderfre	257 Vine Avenue, Hammond	931-9307
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Edward Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond	
Carenne Adams	1721 Stanton Avenue, Whiting	
Betty Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting	
Nina Cravens	423 Florence St. Hammond	
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Ave. Hammond	
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave. Hammond	
Anne & John Raymer	6930 Monroe Avenue, Hammond	
Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond	932-6319
Ruth Lewis	6922 White Oak Ave, Hammond	844-0983
Alice Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond	845-2697
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond	933-0715
Dan Hill	18-172nd Street, Hammond	931-2526
Mr. & Mrs. J.K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Evainex Jonas	250 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing	
Alfred & Jean Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Viola Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Leslie Hansen	7641 State Line, Munster	836-9036
Roger Reeder	7014 Forest Avenue, Hammond	932-0400
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey Street, Hammond	932-8459
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond	932-7304
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Ave. Munster	923-0483
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond	932-4847
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond	932-0554
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2232

HAMMOND
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD
DINNER



Honoree
IRV CROSS

April 1, 1980

PROGRAM

INVOCATION	Rev. W. L. Frazier
MASTER OF CEREMONY	Loren Tate
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Loren Tate
GRADE SCHOOL COACH	Albert Cooper
HIGH SCHOOL COACHES	Bob King, Bernie Krueger
COLLEGE COACH	Alex Agase
CBS TELEVISION NETWORK	Linda Sutter
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
Keys to City of Hammond	Mayor Edward J. Raskosky
Governor Otis R. Bowens' Representative	Joseph J. Kotso
Hammond Historical Society President	Jules Ebert
Hammond Rotary Club President	Calvin Bellamy
HONORED GUEST	Irv Cross
BENEDICTION	Rev. W. L. Frazier

BRIEF HISTORY

The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a person educated in Hammond who has achieved national or international fame in the field of the arts, science or business and industry. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Irv Cross' achievements include Hammond High School athlete, "Times Athlete of the Year - 1957" and All Big Ten Football and Track Teams his senior year.

He played professional football for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1961 to 1965, and the Los Angeles Rams from 1966 to 1968. Irv was twice named a member of the East Pro Bowl Squad when he was with the Eagles, and holds the record for the longest punt returns in 1967 when he was with the Los Angeles Rams.

Presently he is a Sports Analyst for the CBS-TV network, and has been honored with an Emmy Award for Live TV Series. He is also affiliated with Alex Brown & Sons, a Philadelphia brokerage firm.

Irv is also active in many civic affairs including: Board of Governors, Downtown Athletic Club, New York; Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee; Director, Philadelphia and Montgomery County Lung Association; Director, Pennsylvania State Bicentennial Commission; Director, Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, Philadelphia; Director, Pop Warner Little Scholars.

Irv Cross Opens Hammond Hall of Fame

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This special Sportsagram crossword puzzle is a tribute to Irv Cross, the first recipient of the Hammond Hall of Fame award, on April 1, 1980.

Listed in chronological order, the clues below should help you identify the six head coaches Irv played for (high school, college and NFL), four NFL quarterbacks off of whom Irv made milestone inter-

ceptions, and two other men instrumental in giving Irv his chance to make his mark in the NFL.

As an added help in solving this Irv Cross crossword, the person's last name is given in each clue as an anagram — CAPITALIZED BOLDFACE letters that you must rearrange in proper order. If you still need more help than that, check the list of names below.

Bernie, head coach at Hammond High, will tell you that Irv was a workER. GRUELing years of work paid off, too, in 1957, when the Hammond Times named Irv "Athlete of the Year". At Northwestern U., Irv's talents were taking SHAPE Rather well, due in part to his rather remarkable head coach. Thinking he might be playing pro ball for CFL's Toronto or AFL's New YORK, Little did Irv realize that NFL's Eagles' super scout "Bucko" (now general manager of the Patriots) convinced Philadelphia to draft him in 1961 (7th round). While some folks have crosses to bear, Nick (Irv's first NFL head coach) toOK HIS CRoss with great pleasure. Irv got his chance to play regularly in 1961 when Tom, a veteran cornerback (now CBS Sports commentator) BROKE HIS leg in a game against the Bears, and had to be replaced. Knowing he had to WATCH EVERY Receiver with an 'Eagle eye', Irv intercepted his first NFL pass on October 1, 1961, off this St. Louis QB named Sam. In '64 the Eagles replaced (4) with coACH KU _____ H, Irv's second NFL head coach.

- 8 When Irv got his FINGERS ON this interception, thrown by a Steelers' QB named Terry on October 25, 1964, he returned it 94 yards for his first NFL TD.
- 9 Irv played for his third NFL head coach when he was traded to sun-swollen L.A. on June 8, 1966.
- 10 On November 13, 1966, Irv sure liked N.Y.! EN route to a win over the Giants, he ran back an interception 60 yards for his second (and last) NFL TD against a QB named Tom.
- 11 May 12, 1969 ... Headline in L.A. papers: "L.A. WILL MISs Cross." In Philadelphia: "New Head Coach Jerry Welcomes Back Irv."
- 12 Irv's last career interception (October 5, 1969) was also the very first interception thrown by this rookie Cowboy QB ... some trivia that appears in a prospectUS AT BACHe & Co.

Alphabetical List: Allen, Brookshier, Etcheverry, Kennedy, Kilroy, Krueger, Kuharich, Nofsinger, Parseghian, Skorich, Staubach, Williams.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1980

A brief meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society was called by the president, Jules Ebert, at 2:15 p.m. preceeding the regular meention of the Society on Sunday, April 20, 1980.

It was held for the purpose of receiving the report of the nominating committee chairman, Charles McGregor. A full slate has been prepared for presentation at the next meeting, May 20, 1980.

Mr. Ebert reported on the success of the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner held April 1 at which 454 attended. All expenses are not yet paid, but it is expected there will be some money left for early planning expenses for next year's dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Maury Zlotnik, athletic director of Hammond's Morton Senior High School, will speak today at the Hammond Historical Society's meeting.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Zlotnik has had a long career as a teacher and coach of championship football teams. He also coached baseball, basketball and track for Hammond high schools.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1980

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Jules Ebert, at 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, April 20, 1980 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room. Twenty-seven signed the attendance sheet.

Mr. Ebert asked each person attending to introduce himself. It was noted that announcement of this meeting had appeared in the Bulletin Board Column of the Times. Minutes of the March 16 meeting were read and approved.

Margaret Gunderson announced plans are completed for the annual meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 1980, at the South Side Christian Church, 1000 Broadmoor Avenue, Munster at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Calvin Phillips will present the church's history and William J. Bachman will speak on the architecture of the Calumet Region. Reservations are required at \$6.50 each to be made with Marjorie Sohl.

Charles McGregor reported on the success of the Hammond Achievement Award dinner held April 1 at which 454 attended. The hope of the committee is that more service clubs may be involved in the selection of next year's honoree.

Charles McGregor also read the report of the nominating committee for officers to be elected at the annual meeting next month.

Roger Reeder reported the treasury balance at \$1954.99. He will make the bus reservation for the tour in June and the price for the tour will be announced in the next newsletter. The tour will leave the Board of Education building for LaPorte at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 15.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker of the day, Maury Zlotnik, as a personal friend, a football coach, and a member of an old Hammond family. Maury began by remembering he had coached the greatest football team that came out of Hammond in 1961 and that at 65 years of age, his memory goes back 60 years here. His father came here from York before 1914 and bought a store called Winer's on State Street across from Minas. They moved to 410 Highland Street, 4 doors from the Monon tracks, from their rooms above Rovai's at Calumet and Sibley. Mr. Zlotnik spent most of an hour mentioning at random things which he remembered in the last 60 years, most of which struck a familiar note with many in attendance. A few of the things he remembered included:

1. Hammond's poor tasting water in his youth when they had to go get well water in a jug.
2. Taking the green line to the Board Walk and rolling coaster at the Five Points where they also attended Madura's Danceland. They sometimes rode the line to Chicago for a lark, when they had to pay 10% more at the Illinois line.

3. All the nice homes on Hohman Avenue south of Williams Street, Kaufman, Wolf, Betz and Conkey's out to a German settlement near Conkey Street.
4. He saw Calvin Coolidge go down Hohman Avenue in 1927.
5. He remembered the theatres in town that he attended and the bombing of the State Theatre in 1927 which he felt marked the beginning of the decline of State Street in its competition with Hohman Avenue for supremacy.
6. As a boy he sold papers on the Monon Railroad cars while it stopped in Hammond.
7. He remembered attending Wallace School for kindergarten and Kenwood School thru 6th grade with its principal Miss Nixon; Washington School and Miss Pettit for 7th and 8th grade, being the first year that 8th grade was added. At Hammond High, he remembered A.L. Spohn as principal (Stone Face) and playing football under Coach Huffine and football camp at Camp Betz.
8. He mentioned names of school friends as Chuck Hohman, Eleanor Gostlin, Chet Gargas, Lee Graves, Stoikowitz and Bob Vogel, the only kid who had a car when they were in school. Bob's father always gave a party at Vogel's for the football team at the end of the season. He remembered his days at Hammond High as the best years of his life.
9. Then came the depression, the family lost their business and he couldnot get a job. Chet Gargas and he, president and vice-president of their class had to wash and polish cars in their back yard to earn money.
10. He graduated in the largest graduating class up to that time. Graduation was held in the Paramount Theatre.
11. He remembered early ventures of professional athletics in Hammond--semipro football teams, and professional baseball at Turner Field. He met Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig once at Chuck Perry's house and Jim Tharpe at Turner Field.
12. After high school he got a job at Lever Brothers part time, tried going to IU at Bloomington but stayed only four weeks, came back and worked at Lever Brothers for 2 years before returning to school at Terre Haute.
13. Returning to Hammond, he first got a coaching job at Washington Grade School where he coached Bernie Krueger and later at Morton High School where he stayed for these many years.

Mr. Zlotnik answered questions from the audience. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1980
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Roger K. Reeder	260-165th St., Hammond	932-0400
Melvin & Emma Spangler	Dyer	865-1062
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth St, Hammond	937-9073
Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Geiger	7128 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	931-3771
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond	932-4847
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut St, Hammond	845-0493
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-6319
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Mrs. Ruth A. Barnard	1530 - 174th St, Hammond	844-1323
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr, C.C. Ill	862-6451
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine St, Hammond	931-9307
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Ave. Hammond	932-7364
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Ave, Munster	923-0483
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St, Hammond	931-2232
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond	932-0554
Mr. & Mrs. T.M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster	838-5860
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Ave, Hammond	932-6605
Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, TUE. MAY 20, 1980

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 20, 1980 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Side Christian Church, 1000 Broadmoor Avenue, Munster. Sixty-three members and guests attended.

President Jules Ebert welcomed those present. Rev. Calvin Phillips gave the invocation, and a delicious chicken and beef dinner was served by the women of the church.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes of the last annual meeting of May 8, 1979 were read and accepted. Roger Reeder commented on the annual financial statement included on the program. Mr. Ebert introduced the ten past presidents attending the dinner tonight. He reviewed the program speakers for the past year and commented on the success of the First Annual Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on April 1 sponsored jointly by the Hammond Historical Society and the Hammond Rotary Club. He invited members to have a closer look at the scrap book made up for the Calumet Room of copies of letters and the plaque for the Community Room.

Charles McGregor presented the following report of the nominating committee:

President - Bert Hindmarch
1st Vice President - Alfred Hayes
2nd Vice President - Herbert Geiger
3rd Vice President - Margaret Gunderson
4th Vice President - Roy Duke
5th Vice President - Melvin Spangler
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Roger Reeder
Directors - Term expiring May, 1984
Mrs. Winifrede Barenie
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer
Tom Rutkowski
Mrs. Wanda Seevers
James Towle

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented.

Mrs. Nina Cravens presented a very meaningful memorial service for the following seven members who died during the past year: Mrs. G. Bertram Smith, Miss Eleanor Sulcer, Mr. Floyd Murray, Mr. John Phrommer, Mrs. Edgar Crumpacker, Mrs. Louise Kain, and Mr. Edward J. Spolnik.

Rev. Calvin Phillips welcomed us to their church facility and invited us to tour the rest of it after the program. The church is in its 60th year, having organized in August, 1920. It started as a tent revival at 165th and Madison with 30 people signing loyalty commitments. They met in Wallace School until they got property and built in 1922 at 165th and Van Buren, now a locker plant. They purchased a lot at 169th and Madison and met in a little brown frame building until 1930. In 1930 they built a cement block building on that lot and met there until 1974. He characterized the life of the church in ten year intervals: The years of the 20's - frame building

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- The years of the
- 30's - Cement block building.
 - 40's - Paid the mortgage, purchased a parsonage, and changed ministers.
 - 50's - He came and has been here $\frac{1}{2}$ the life of the church. They built a 3-level educational building, started a church paper and church library and Vacation Bible School.
 - 60's - Remodeled and went to two morning services. Purchased some nearby property planning to expand.
 - 1974 - Suffered the devastating fire and church was completely destroyed. Reluctant to leave the neighborhood but had to rebuild and needed more parking area. Found these 8 acres, central for its people and next door to Hammond. Undertook a fund-raising campaign, and have been in the new facility just over 3 years. Have experienced substantial growth in membership, attendance and budget and look forward to the 80's.

Mr. William Bachman, Hammond architect was introduced by Mr. Ebert. He was born on Friday, the 13th in 1914. When as a boy in 1924 he was sent to a doctor in Chicago, a love affair with Chicago's architecture was started. He felt the fate of Chicago as a railroad hub was sealed when the railroad spike was driven in May, 1869, linking the east and west with Chicago in the center. Mr. Bachman showed a series of slides, mostly pictures which he took, showing buildings of architectural greatness, both in Chicago and locally, done by greats, whom he felt influenced the architecture of the region. Mr. Bachman's comments on the slides he showed are on tape in the Calumet Room at the Hammond Public Library. Darkness prevented note taking. In the question period following Mr. Bachman's slides and comments, he indicated his favorite skyscraper in Chicago is the Hancock Building. He said his favorite ride to show visitors what the Calumet Region is like is up Indianapolis Blvd past the oil refineries and steel mills, an aside to the 100th Street Park, the skyway to see the Calumet Harbor and grain elevators from up high and back to the lake at 67th Street to follow the lake shore into Chicago. Mr. Bachman paid tribute to other Hammond architects, Jim Turner, Cosby Bernard, Sr. and his partners from 1939 to 1971.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. when Rev. Phillips took a group on a tour of the rest of the church facilities and presented the secretary with a copy for the Calumet Room of the South Side Christian Church's 50th Anniversary history and program published in 1970, a copy of the dedication booklet of the new church on April 24, 1977, and a commemorative plate from their 50th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, TUE. MAY 20, 1980
ATTENDANCE

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. James Adams
Fern Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. William Bachman
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Bellamy
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer
Mrs. Florence Cleveland
Mrs. Nina Cravens
Mr. Bart Crumpacker & son
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Duke
Mr. & Mrs. Jules Ebert
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Elkins
Mr. Rudy Fulda
Fern Garrett
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gehrke
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger
Mrs. Henrietta Gillespie
Margaret Gunderson
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hatfield
Mrs. Emma Hausknecht
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hayward
Caroline Hohman
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Luney
Mr. Charles McGregor
Mr. Verlyn Mack
Mrs. Florence Miller
Rev. & Mrs. Calvin Phillips
Mr. Roger Reeder
Kate Richmond
Mr. Tom Rutkowski
Marjorie Sohl
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler
Mrs. Martha Toney
Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner
Mrs. Paul Wampler
Mrs. Molly Watts
Mrs. Leona Wellsand and 2 guests
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm
Mr. E.H. Zaranka

Hammond Historical Society

Hammond, Indiana



TWENTIETH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

May 20th, 1980



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
20th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 20, 1980 6:30 p.m.

South Side Christian Church
1000 Broadmoor Ave., Munster, Indiana

WELCOME..... Mr. Julius Ebert

INVOCATION..... Rev. Calvin Phillips

* DINNER *

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Annual Financial Statement

Roger Reeder, Treasurer

President's Annual Report

Julius Ebert

Nominating Committee Report

Charles McGregor

MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Nina Cravens

In Memory of:

Mrs. G. Bertram Smith

Mr. John Phrommer

Miss Eleanor Sulcer

Mrs. Edgar Crumpacker

Mr. Floyd R. Murray

Mrs. Louise Kain

Edward J. Spolnik

"HISTORY OF THE SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH"

Rev. Calvin L. Phillips, Minister

"ARCHITECTURE OF THE CALUMET REGION".....

William J. Bachman, Architect

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

* DINNER CHAIRMAN - Miss Margaret Gunderson *

OFFICERS 1979 - 1980

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President..... Mr. Julius Ebert

1st Vice President..... Mr. Alfred Hayes

2nd Vice President..... Mr. Daryl Dunsing

3rd Vice President..... Miss Margaret Gunderson

4th Vice President..... Mr. Roy Duke

5th Vice President..... Mr. Bert Hindmarch

Secretary..... Miss Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer..... Mr. Roger Reeder



DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1980

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie

Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer

Miss Margaret Gunderson

Mr. Tom Rutkowski

Mrs. Wanda Seevers

Mr. James Towle

Term thru May, 1981

Mr. Roland Clarke

Mr. Roy Duke

Mr. Edward Hanish

Mrs. Eileen Luney

Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

Term thru May, 1982

Mr. H. J. Geiger

Mrs. Victor R. Goodman

Mrs. Edward Hayward

Mrs. Ruth Whitman

Term thru May, 1983

Mrs. Henry Hayles

Mrs. H. E. Miner

Mrs. Anna Stevesand

Mr. Charles McGregor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1979 to April 30, 1980

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BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1979.....\$1,843.97

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$1,076.00
Annual Dinner.....	402.00
Bus Tour.....	159.00
Culture Festival Sales.....	27.50
Achievement Award Reimbursement....	39.63
Bicentennial Book Sales.....	49.00
Donation.....	.50
Total Receipts	\$1,753.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter.....	\$ 83.60
Membership Gift Publications.....	455.50
Postage.....	182.50
Annual Dinner.....	486.24
Bus Tour.....	130.15
Refreshments.....	35.00
Culture Festival Fee.....	10.00
Bicentennial Books.....	32.00
Achievement Award.....	42.62
Donation, Purdue History Day.....	50.00
Secretary of State.....	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,517.61

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1980 \$2,079.99

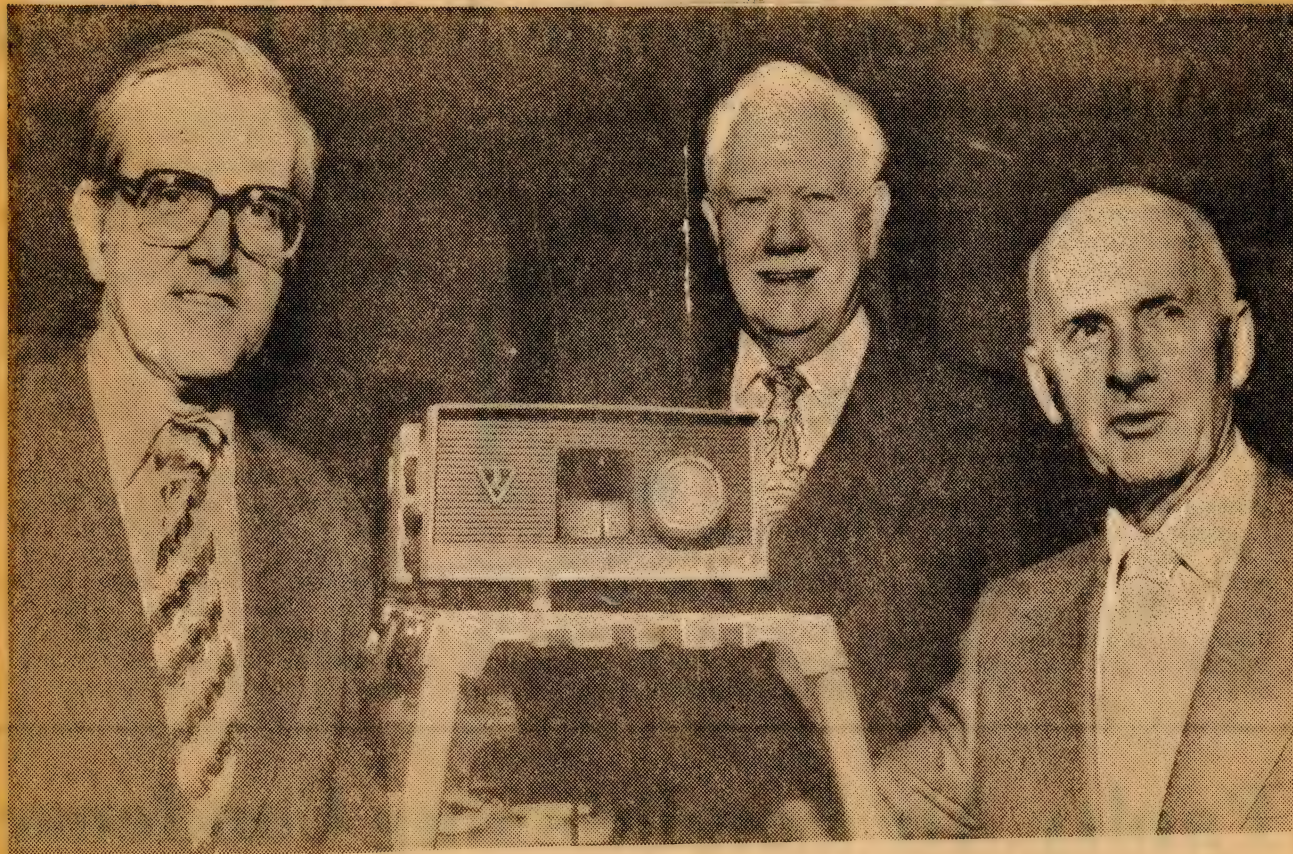
LIFE ENDOWMENT FUND April 30, 1980 \$ 421.78

PAST PRESIDENTS 1959 to 1979

Mr. John Wilhelm
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
Mr. Edward B. Hayward
Mrs. Vincent Bower
Mr. George Nelson
Mr. Anton Tapper*
Mrs. Mary Peters*
Mrs. Harry Wilson
Mr. Walter Bell*
Mrs. Henry Cleveland

Miss Marjorie Sohl
Mr. Gordon Whitney
Mr. Verlyn Mack
Mrs. Nina Cravens
Mrs. Ray Williams
Mr. Kurt Marx*
Miss Fern Arnold
Mrs. Willard Jonas
Mrs. Grace Mack
Mr. Charles McGregor
Mr. Julius Ebert

Deceased



Historical Society

Rev. Calvin Phillips, left, gave the history of the South Side Christian Church Tuesday at a meeting of Hammond Historical Society. William Bachman, right, told of architecture of the Calumet Region. President Julius Ebert is in center.

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THE TIMES

Wednesday, June 4, 1980



Scrapbooks Donated

Co-president of the Hammond-Highland Area League of Women Voters, Sue Seevers, and member Dot Nelson present the league's Hammond memorabilia to Florence Cleveland, director of historical files at the public library.

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THE TIMES Thursday, June 5, 1980

RAIL FILM DONATED

HAMMOND — A 30-minute film on the history of the South Shore Railroad has been donated to the Hammond Historical Society.

"Passengers Use Light at Night" was given to the society by Howard Vermette, owner of the Vermette Machine Tool Company.

The film shows many scenes of the Calumet Region over the 60 years the South Shore has been running.

The film will be shown at the public library in the fall when monthly programs are resumed on third Sundays of the month.

It may be borrowed from the library for showing by local organizations.

THE TIMES Sunday, June 22, 1980

Nominee Search On

HAMMOND — Nominations are being accepted for the second annual Hammond Achievement Award.

The first recipient of the award, sponsored by the Hammond Rotary and the Hammond Historical Society, was television sports commentator and former football star Irv Cross.

The criteria for the nominee is the person must be living, have been born

or raised in Hammond, achieved national or international recognition and be from a different field of endeavor than the previous recipient.

Since Cross is a sports figure, other potential nominees from that field are ineligible until 1982.

Suggested nominations may be sent to The Times, Box T-1433 before Aug. 1, 1980.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1980

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 1980 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bert Hindmarch presided. Sixteen officers and directors attended. Each introduced himself.

Bert Hindmarch began the meeting with a plea for the ideas and involvement of everyone in the activities of the Society. He said future Board meetings would be held before the regular Sunday afternoon meetings for the benefit of those members who work and can not attend a daytime meeting as this one.

Reports were called for from each Vice President concerning his area of responsibility.

Mr. Hayes, First Vice President, reported the project of last year of the framing of pictures of all the past presidents of the Society was incomplete because no negatives were found. He was informed we had no negatives because the pictures we have in one publication were a photographic copying process from picture prints collected at that time and returned to the owners. He will pursue this project further. Brainstorming for publication ideas included:

1. Sort out and write from past newspaper articles, the story of the early professional teams in football, baseball and international bowling tournaments. Maury Zlotnik was suggested as a possible person to interest in doing this.
2. Write and publish a city story for Hammond similar to those that the Indiana Historical Society has been doing on cities like Muncie and Delphi.
3. Reproduce another old city directory.
4. Earl Iliff's memoirs.
5. Mack Family story which Verlyn Mack has partially written.

Mr. Herb Geiger is 2nd Vice President and in charge of publicity and publication. The discussion indicated we need more material to be fed to Mr. Hayward for the newsletter. Also objection was registered to our meeting notices appearing in the Senior Citizens column of the newspaper. An effort should be made to have them as regular news articles to attract all ages.

Margaret Gunderson is 3rd Vice President and in charge of the annual dinner meeting. She was unable to attend this meeting.

Mr. Roy Duke is 4th Vice President and membership chairman. It was suggested he get lists from Roger Reeder of members who have not paid their dues and call them to try to bring them back. It was also suggested to honor past presidents with a free ticket to the annual dinner.

Mr. Spangler, 5th Vice President had not understood that he was program chairman. Brainstorming for program ideas included the following:

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1. Jules Ebert will be responsible for the first meeting September 21, 1980.
2. Howard Gescheidler will speak at some future meeting.
3. Harold Hagburg, Head of the Electrical Union and involved in the organizing of the Community Hospital in Munster will speak at a future meeting.
4. Claire Osterlie
5. Leon Granger, Township Assessor
6. Dean Mitchell, N.I.P.S.Co.
7. Towle Family
8. Tangerman Family
9. Joe Tinkham
10. B.C. Jenkins, Attorney in Hammond and a Superior Court Judge - Story of the KuKluxKlan.
11. Swain Newspaper as a competitor to The Times, 1891-1919.
12. Straube Piono Company
13. Northern States Life
14. O'Rourke Family
15. Jacob Rimbach Family
16. Tim Calvin
17. Jack Dahl - His father was the 1st employee of the H.B. Hammond Packing Company.
18. Don Kaegebein - Monon Railroad Society slides.

Dates for the year's meetings were set for:

September 21, 1980	February 15, 1981
October 19, 1980	March 15, 1981
November 16, 1980	April 26, 1981
January 18, 1981	Dinner, May 12, 1981

Suggestions for the annual tour in June included:

1. Amish Farms in Napanee
2. Walking tour of the Old Crown Point Court House
3. Historic places in Hammond

Mr. Hayward reported that he had filled out an extensive questionnaire on the Society for Lance Trusty at Purdue Calumet and that a publication will be forth coming including the compiled information on all the Societies of Lake County.

The Northern Indiana History Conference will be held at Purdue Calumet on Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6. Jean Shepherd is one of the scheduled speakers for this conference, being held the same weekend as the International Cultural Festival. It was approved for the Society to continue to have a booth at the Festival on a motion by Florence Cleveland, seconded by Roy Duke and carried.

The committee from the Society which worked with the Rotary committee of last year for the annual Hammond Achievement Award will continue to serve this year. They will meet with Rotary representatives tomorrow morning. Jean Shepherd has been invited to receive the award next year. Mr. Hayward read the spirited letter received from him. The name of Betty Betz was suggested to be considered the following year.

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The next board meeting was scheduled for Sunday, September 21, at 1:30 p.m., before the regular meeting of the Society at 2:30 p.m.

This meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1980
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker	844-3205
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave.	933-7424
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Ave.	932-6319
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Alfred H. Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting	659-0454
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St.	932-8768
J.K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave.	932-3029
John F. Wilhelm		
Herb Geiger		
H.J. Geiger		
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth St.	937-9073
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street	931-9307
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster	923-0483
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place	932-7125
Leona (Williams) Schreiber	7125 Woodlawn	932-6786
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1980

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 1980 preceeding the regular meeting of the Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bert Hindmarch presided. Nine members attended. Minutes of the July Board meeting were approved as summarized in the news letter on a motion by Tom Rutkowski, seconded by Al Hayes, carried.

Possible future speakers were discussed. Some had been contacted but dates not confirmed yet. The only confirmed speaker is Dr. John Carlyle for the November meeting to speak on the film of the murals of Indiana post offices. Others discussed were Kevin Austin, Leo Pottlitzer on a history of Rotary Club, Bud Gesheidler, Vic Kirsch, A.B. Colby, and the South Shore Railroad film.

Mr. Hindmarch had talked to the Hammond Times and received a promise that they would try to put news of our meetings in as a news article. If not possible to do that, they would at least announce it in the Senior Citizen's column.

Margaret Gunderson suggested the Unity Church as a possible church for our annual meeting or the Grotto on Ridge Road in Munster.

Roger Reeder had been contacted with the request that the Historical Society supply information and possibly lead a tour of Hammond for new teachers. In the past, the record-slide presentation has been used. Mr. Hayes was assigned this as a project to coordinate.

A flyer was received about the film "Shared Time," a history of Michigan City, produced by the Michigan City Public Library. The Secretary was instructed to try to procure a preview print of it to preview before or at the October 19th meeting.

A letter has been received from the Highland Historical Society to try to bring the historical societies in Lake County together to strengthen all of them. Mr. Hayward reported that a committee is working with Lance Trustey from Purdue. He had filled out a questionnaire on our society and its collection of materials as had the other representatives from nearby societies. The material gathered will soon be published in book form as a composite list of materials available in and about the Calumet Region. This committee will meet again this fall. A joint conclave of the societies was suggested.

Roger Reeder also suggested that we need to be working on our next publication. He suggested something like the Lake County Society does when they publish about every 10 years a collection of their papers and meetings. Another possibility would be editing and selecting highlights from our past newsletters.

The next board meeting was announced for Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. before the Society meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The board meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Sohl
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1981

The opening meeting of the 1980-1981 year of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, September 21, 1980 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library at 2:30 p.m. President Bert Hindmarch presided. Sixty three signed the attendance sheet.

The program of this meeting was the responsibility of Jules Ebert. He had obtained the YMCA Trubadores, a group of five Senior Citizens from the YMCA who are interested in music and who meet regularly to play. They opened the meeting with a half hour of playing old time favorites.

Mr. Hindmarch announced that the October 19 meeting program will be included in the next news letter. The November 16th meeting was confirmed to be John Carlyle speaking about the film "~~Murals of Main Street.~~" *Art for*

Mr. Hayward brought recent donations to the Society to the attention of all. They were displayed on a side table and included some things from the Tapper family; some pictures from Edith Trautman on Pullman Standard; one early poster of the Dunes used by the South Shore Railroad in their advertising. These posters are being reissued by the Chicago Historical Society. Also available were copies of the large poster of architectural highlights of Hammond just recently published. Mr. Hayward then introduced Mr. Jules Ebert to speak on his remembrances of his own and his family's life in Hammond.

Mr. Ebert spoke about his Grandpa Ebert who was in the Chicago Fire on the near north side. He was a State representative and Justice of the Peace. He was treasurer of Concordia Cemetery from the time it was organized until he retired in 1903. He celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary August 29, 1930 and lived at 40 Ruth Street since 1920.

Mr. Ebert's Grandpa Kullman, on his mother's side, was a Councilman and newsman. He always thought Hammond would grow north and he worked to annex Robertsedale to be able to get frontage on and water from the lake. He was street commissioner and active in the building of Calumet Avenue north thru the Lake George area.

Jules was born in Hammond near the corner of Hoffman and Hohman. His grandparents owned the northeast and southeast corners at that intersection. His parents built where Riverside School is now located. They lived there 1911-1920 and then moved to 913 Eaton Street. He met his wife Caroline Kerber, as a fellow student at Riverside School kindergarten. In 3rd grade she and her family moved to Ohio and Virginia. They returned to the area when she was in high school and the romance revived. Jules went to St. Paul's Lutheran school downtown. He got a job selling papers and used to meet all the trains that came thru Hammond to sell papers on them. In 1922, at 13 years of age, he started to work at W.B. Conkey. In high school he worked for Mr. Rupp in the book room. After high school he went to work at Citizens National Bank as a messenger. When a job opened up at Borden's Dairy,

he went to work there doing anything there was to be done until a route opened up where he could sell on commission. When he got pluracy, he had to give up the route because he could not load his truck. He worked for Wagner's Confectionary store and as a brakeman on the Santa Fe Railroad until he was drafted. After the war he went back to Bordens to work in the office and then the laboratory where he became a licensed milk tester. He had on display some of the early milk testing equipment.

Mr. Ebert answered some questions from the audience. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for refreshments. Any who cared to stay to see some of his movies of early Borden's picnics were invited to do so. Films were shown until 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



Purdue Professor Emeritus Bert A. Heinmarch Thursday received the Distinguished Service Award from the Purdue alumni association. Heinmarch was given the award at a ceremony at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville.

President of the Hammond Historical Soc. this year.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1980
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond	931-5964
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street	932-0400
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, C.C. Ill.	862-5164
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	923-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	923-2045
Ruth Hayward	6708 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-6319
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond	932-7125
John and Ethel Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave. Munster	836-2223
Frank and Mary Zudock	843 - 171st. St. Hammond	931-4942
Edward Filas	4834 Elm Avenue, Hammond	932-4014
Walter & Ronnie Beukema	3249 Farmer Dr. Highland	924-5582
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Ave. Hammond	844-8505
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine St. Hammond	931-9307
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Ave. Hammond	932-7364
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Apt. 5, Munster	923-0483
Morris L. Chester	3333 Duluth St, Highland	838-7660
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence St. Hammond	931-8824
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2232
Priscilla Florence	7327 Tapper Ave. Hammond	932-4605
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Douglas Emerson	5416 Birch Ave, Hammond	932-4711
Matt Thomas	6424 Woodward Ave, Hammond	932-8904
Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Willman	17519 Williams, Lansing, Ill.	474-1322
Mr. & Mrs. J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St. Hammond	932-4847
Henrietta Gillespie	5661 Sohl Ave. Hammond	931-9043
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond	932-7287
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Ave, Hammond	932-6605
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Alwin Ebert	40 Ruth St. Hammond	932-7351
Alfred & Jean Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Ave. Hammond	932-2875
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Ave. Hammond	931-3771
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Czech	6617 McCook Ave, Hammond	844-6764
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Bessler	7449 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-8637
Clarence J. Cole	2219 Tanglewood Drive, Hammond	845-6376
Arthur H. Elkins	6407 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-1304
Henry A. Wozniak	215- 156th Pl, Calumet City, Ill.	862-7421
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-6316
Edward B. Hayward	6308 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-6319
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Robert Stookey	7535 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-6263
Stanley Thompson	7505 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-0650
? C. Wood	Moved to Wheeler	
Victor C. Neier	Lansing	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1980

The Hammond Historical Society meeting was held on Sunday, October 19, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Mr. Hayward presided in the absence of President Bert Hindmarch. Thirty-five members and friends signed the attendance sheet. The secretary's report, having been summarized in the bulletin was accepted without reading.

Mr. Hayward introduced the speaker for the day, Maurice O'Hern. Mr. O'Hern retired in 1974 as Works Engineer at American Steel Foundries and since then has taught at Purdue Calumet and Bishop Noll. Mr. O'Hern was born in 1914 and in 1920 moved to Summer Street and attended All Saints School. He graduated from All Saints in 1928. They just celebrated their 50th Anniversary reunion in 1978 and had 35 out of 50 graduates attend from all over the U.S. At that reunion Mr. O'Hern talked about his grade school memories. He did a similar thing for us today, giving an eleven year old boy's point of view of the twenties. His father was a factory worker at the Standard Steel Car Shop. As was true with most factory workers, his father was laid off twice during those ten years.

Speaking of his home, their family room was the kitchen, the center of their lives. Their bedrooms were not heated so as children, they dressed in the kitchen, ate their meals there, and in the evening did their homework there. His mother was a coal miners daughter with only a fourth grade education but she instilled in him a love of reading --Horatio Alger, Frank and Dick Merriwell, and especially Zane Grey. He remembered the old ice box for which you bought a 25 pound chunk of ice from the ice wagon and the drip pan under the box that had to be emptied regularly and often spilled as you got it out to empty it. He also remembered in winter using the window box--the no-charge refrigeration. Hot water all had to be heated on the stove. Water for washing was heated in large boiler and the clothes scrubbed on a scrub board. Later they got a Thor washer with a wooden tumbler. They had the choice then of only four kinds of cereal--corn flakes, wheat flakes, puffed rice and puffed wheat. They had a hand cranked phonograph and listened to such records as those of John Lauder, John McCormack, Enrico Caruso and Barney Google. His mother scraped together enough to buy a piano and all three of the children took lessons.

The dining room was more of his Dad's room where he had an Atwater Kent Radio and listened to the Dempsey-Tunny fight. Tony Platt who worked with his father and later played with the Chicago White Sox came to listen with them. The boys had crystal sets.

In the basement they had a coal bin. The coal was delivered to the curb and the boys had to carry it to the window in a wheel barrow to dump it in. They also had to carry up the kindling wood for their Dad to start the fire before they got up. His Dad made his own home brew with his mash brewed behind the furnace. Occasionally this exploded during the night and sounded as if the house blew up--or it spewed onto the ceiling when opening it to offer to guests.

They went regularly to Kleinschmidts store at Maywood and Sibley to buy a paper for 2¢ then. At night he would often sneak a Zane Grey book into bed with him and read by the light that came thru the crack of the door. The last act of each day was his father winding the big clock every night.

Speaking of his neighborhood, most of the people there had no cars. One neighbor had a Moon and one had a Star. At Summer and Columbia was the salesroom for the Whippet. The ice wagon then came down the street and delivered ice to the houses that put their ice card in the window indicating the size of piece they wanted. Kids went out to the wagon to steal ice chips to suck. The milk wagons were horse drawn. The coldest sound known is that of the steel wagon wheels rolling over the packed snow. In the coldest weather the milk would freeze and rise out of the bottles on the steps. Women called the neighborhood grocery store and ordered what they wanted and it would be delivered. In the summer the women walked to the store-- Louis Schreibers. The garbage wagons were horse drawn and the driver called out "Regs" or "Regs Aline" which meant "Rags and iron". The knife sharpener and umbrella repairman came around with his cart and its distinctive bell everyone knew. Chimney sweeps came every two to three years. The ice cream wagon caused great excitement for kids and the door-to-door salesmen sold vacuum cleaners and insurance. In the hard times, hoboes came regularly for something to eat and his mother always fed them on the back porch. For unusual news events an "Extra" paper was published and hawkers would sell them up and down the streets. Some of the games they played were Run sheep run, Pum pum pullaway, Shimny on your own side, Mumbly peg, Football, and Basketball. They had to blow up their own footballs and basketballs. They all made their own stilts and scooters from an old skate, a 2x4 and an orange crate. Coming home from school they would kick a can all the way home or step on it to lock it on their shoe. In winter they tied sleds to the backs of cars for exciting rides.

Remembering their childhood diseases, they used to be quarantined for measles, chicken pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever and the kids would hold their breath as they ran past the houses so quarantined. The kids believed in superstitions about millipedes--you closed your mouth when you saw one or you would die or when a hearse went by, you held the button of your shirt or you would be the next one to die. Every neighborhood had a sandlot where the kids gathered to play baseball. The sandlots were also where the traveling medicine shows set up. One was in downtown Hammond where Rosalie's is now. They used dancing Indians and music to attract a crowd.

Theatres where he used to go included the DeLux across Hohman from the north end of Goldblatt's. His father would take the three kids to the show on Sunday afternoon. They would ride the street car from Columbia and Summer south on Columbia to Conkey, west to Hohman and north on Hohman to the show near Sibley. At the Bejoiu they saw the William Harte serials. He was the greatest cowboy of all times. The serial always stopped at the most exciting point to get you to come back next week. They saw Hoot Gibson at the Orpheum where there was a stage show everyday. They didn't go to the Parthenon because there were boys kissing girls there. He watched every brick go into the building

of the State Theatre because he was in school right across the street. He was fascinated by the riveter tossing the heated rivets 30-40 feet in the air where it was caught in a metal cup. The theatre was blown up on a Saturday night and at that time he was an altar boy and saw it early Sunday morning when he came to serve at early mass at 7 a.m. Windows in the school and church were broken and on the altar lay a panic bar from one of the doors that had been blown there clear across the street. He saw his first sound movie there. He remembered they used to show some movies at Hammond High School and also at the Masonic Temple. He remembered the Schulte Cigar Store at the Four Corners with a blue flame burning constantly. He remembered dollar day specials at Milligans, jitney buses, Coney Island hot dogs, and caddying at the Calumet City Golf Course. They swam in the nude in a pond behind the Standard Steel Car Shop until one day a water snake swam across his back and scared him out. A big event downtown was when the high school was moved from Hohman to Russell Street. When President Coolidge came thru town, he was a Boy Scout that had to stand and line the street till Coolidge passed by. That was the only president he ever saw.

The parks were important to him. He fished in the lagoon in Maywood park. They had great family picnics in Harrison Park and listened to band concerts in the band stand. Columbia Park always had a ball game on on Sunday afternoon. Nobody went to Central Park to play--just to see the fire engine. Erie field marshland from Carroll to Highland and the tracks to Erie Avenue was a boys' paradise for gathering salamanders. As a family they visited the Lake Front Park to eat in the pavillion, picnic or cook meals on a sterno stove and play in the playground. Turner Field charged money to get into games and they had none so they walked out in the muck in the Calumet River to get around the wire fence to sneak in. Turner Field had a grandstand for 2000 people. They stretched canvas around the park so the kids would watch from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away by climbing up on the bridge on Calumet Avenue. Football games were held there too, sponsored by Scatenas, a Hammond Booster then. The grounds keeper's son was a friend of his so his friend got a job as water boy for the Hammond Boosters who later became the Chicago Cardinals and Maurice got to be water boy for the home team's opponents. He remembered a Thanksgiving Day when the Hammond Boosters played the East Chicago Doggers and then he walked to his Grandmothers for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. O'Hern ended his remembering by reading Abe Lincoln's poem, "Memories."

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. for refreshments during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond	932-6319
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
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Ethel Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave. Munster	836-2223
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Melvin Spangler	507 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake, Dr., Schererville	865-8494
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-3029
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer St. Hammond	932-7287
Henrietta Gillespie	5661 Sohl Ave, Hammond	931-3043
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St., Hammond	932-5459
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St., Hammond	932-4847
Esther Paschen	723 Spruce St., Hammond	932-4847
Ruth S. Jaeger	4639 Henry Ave. Hammond	
Henry M. Tyren	583 Wentworth, C.C. Ill.	862-0468
Elizabeth Tyren	583 Wentworth, C.C. Ill.	862-0468
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St., Whiting	659-0454
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St., Hammond	932-8768
Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Gehrke	1732 Davis St. Whiting	659-6316
Mrs. Bruce W. Avery	8400 Varno Ave, Sarasota, Fl.	
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Ave, Hammond	932-6605
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St., Hammond	932-0554
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote, Hammond	844-4113
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Maurice O'Hern		

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Art Film Slated

HAMMOND — John Carlyle, associate professor of English at Purdue University Calumet, will show a film at the Nov. 16 meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Hammond Public Library, 464 State St.

"Art for Main Street" is a film Carlyle produced on murals painted during the Depression years in Indiana post offices and other public buildings.

Carlyle also has produced slide and film programs on Depression era art in California and other states where artists were subsidized by the federal government.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1980

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 16, 1980 preceeding the regular meeting of the Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bert Hindmarch presided. Thirteen members attended.

Bert Hindmarch reported that Mr. Wilhelm had met and had conversation with Archibald McKinlay about the publication of his pamphlet on the Forsythe Family. Mr. McKinlay had also done a pamphlet on the Chicago Fire which is now out of print. It was proposed we could either reprint the one on the Chicago fire or print the one on the Forsythe family as our next publication. Mr. Hayward moved that we publish the second publication, the one on the Forsythe family, because of its association with Hammond history. Ed Hanish second, carried.

Bert Hindmarch suggested we consider John F. Stover to speak on the railroads as a speaker for our annual meeting in May. Bert will talk to Margaret Gunderson, dinner chairman, about this.

Mr. Wilhelm made two suggestions:

1. We need a committee to study the problem of the length of the term of the Society president.
2. Consider publishing the minutes and newsletters of the Society in hard back format.

Mr. Hayward reported that las year we had supported the sponsorship of National History Day. This year the theme is "Work and Leisure in History." Mr. Hayward moved that the Society again contribute \$50 to sponsorship of the program. Mr. McGregor second, carried.

Mr. Hayward acknowledged receipt of the gift to the Calumet Room collection of the bound volume of the 1921 issues of "Octogon" the publication of the American Steel Foundries donated by Bert Hindmarch.

Mr. Wilhelm suggested that we need to make local ministers aware of our collection and seek their cooperation. The two sons of Rev. Peter Langendorff gave all of his library to Valparaiso University. Virginia Parrett, whose father was minister at the First Presbyterian Church for many years was pondering what to do with her father's library. Mr. Wilhelm advised her to bring it to the Hammond Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Attendance:

Bert Hindmarch
Ed Hanish
Alfred Hayes
Roland Clarke
Herbert Geiger

Edward Hayward
Tom Rutkowski
Dorothy Bemisderfer
Charles McGregor
Marjorie Sohl

Winifred Barenie
Melvin Spangler
John F. Wilhelm

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1980

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, November 16, 1980 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library at 2:30 p.m. Forty members and friends signed the attendance sheet. President Bert Hindmarch presided.

The speaker for the day was John C. Carlyle, associate professor of English at Purdue Calumet and the producer of the film, "Art for Main Street." The film, which is in the Hammond Public Library film collection, is a compilation and study which Professor Carlyle made of the murals painted during the Depression years in Indiana post offices and other public buildings. He received a grant from the Indiana Commission for the Humanities to do the film. His interest in the murals started ten or twelve years ago when he researched the American artist Ben Shawn, a fresco artist who painted on wet plaster. Professor Carlyle learned about 1500 such murals were done between 1934 and 1943 by artists who needed a job. Regional competitions were held. Artists wrote to the city to find out what the city was noted for; he submitted a design to the postmaster of the city; a local committee selected the top five or ten to send to Washington where the winning design was selected, never indicating the artist until after the winner was selected. It was the first art to be displayed in many small communities. Some murals depicted local history or local industry while others illustrated farm life and local festivals. Some logically showed the delivery and receipt of mail.

The film, "Art for Main Street" was first viewed by the audience and then Mr. Carlyle commented on some of the murals and the artists while showing photographs of them or parts of them to illustrate a point.

Only two or three of the murals in Indiana have been destroyed. Their ownership was questioned when the U.S. Post Office became a semi-public organization. At first the G.S.A. signed over everything except the murals but three years later they signed over the murals to the U.S. Post Office, but if any are removed, they are to be turned over to the National Council of Fine Arts. Some have been moved to other buildings than their original location. The nearest murals to our area are in Hobart and Crown Point.

Mr. Carlyle is still working on a complete and accurate list of all those done and those still in existence. He hopes to publish such information in book form.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. with refreshments served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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Winifrede Barenie	4624 Torrence Ave, Hammond	931-1589
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Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2232
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave. Munster	836-6174
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine St. Hammond	931-9307
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-7364
Sigrid Stark	6733 Leland Ave, Hammond	845-3842
Geraldine R. Bartels	223 Timrick Drive, Munster	836-4174
Hazel Lindstrom	413 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8451
Emma & Melvin Spangler	Dyer	865-1062
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TALK PLANNED

HAMMOND — "The Day Hammond Lost the Fourth Ward" is the topic of a talk Sunday at the Hammond Public Library, 464 State St.

Archibald McKinlay, a writer and public relations consultant, will speak at this month's meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

McKinlay is researching, writing and publishing a series of monographs entitled, "Calumet Roots, the McKinlay Historical Series."

The speaker at the meeting today is to be Archibald McKinlay whose second publication is to be our next historical society publication. Roger Reeder will meet with him after our meeting today to work out the best way to handle the printing of it. A publication that Mr. Hayward is working on editing is a summary of the best of the past 20 years of the society's newsletters and records. Another publication in the near future is the book being compiled by Kevin Augustyn of the Hammond department of planning who has been working on the architectural and historical buildings in Hammond. It is being published with Federal funds and is expected out in April. Mr. Augustyn has agreed to speak on his work at our April meeting and is willing to conduct a tour of Hammond to visit these places in June.

Jules Ebert reported for the committee working on arrangements for the Hammond Achievement Award dinner April 7.

February - Jerry Kutak on the Dutchy of Glendale Park.
March - Robert Leas of the Hammond Times on his war experience.
April - Kevin Augustyn on the architectural and historical
buildings of Hammond.
May - Annual dinner meeting with Prof. John Stover as speaker.
June - Tour of Hammond with Kevin Augustyn commenting.

1. By-laws committee to study the by-laws and consider recommended changes, especially in the length of term of office
Jules Ebert Alfred Hayes
Charles McGregor John Wilhelm
Edward Hayward Tom Rutkowski
Roy Duke Bert Hindmarch
2. Nominating Committee
Charles McGregor who is to get a committee to serve.
3. Publication Committee to work on the future publications.
Roger Reeder Alfred Hayes
Edward Hayward Bert Hindmarch
Roland Clarke
4. Tour plans
Roger Reeder and Bert Hindmarch.

Mr. Hayward announced that Lance Trusty's publication is out and available. It lists the archival materials available in the area.

The library has copies available at the main building and also at its branches.

Bert Hindmarch announced that Purdue Calumet Library had acquired Dolly Knott's father's papers.

Roger Reeder reported our treasury has \$2248.82 plus \$400 and interest in the life endowment fund.

Tom Rutkowski suggested the society consider putting a marker at Wolf Lake where it has recently been reported that Abraham Lincoln was there!

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary.

Attendance:

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Tom Rutkowski
Alfred Hayes
Roy Duke
Ed Hanish
Wanda Seevers
Evainez Jonas

Charles McGregor
Florence Cleveland
Margaret Gunderson
Dorothy Bemisderfer
Marie Wilhelm
Roger Reeder
Jules Ebert
Roland Clarke
Marjorie Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1981

The regular monthly meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, January 18, 1981 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Fifty eight members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Bert Hindmarch presided and opened the meeting by introducing himself and asked each in attendance to do likewise. Minutes were not read, having been summarized in the bulletin. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2248.82 plus \$400 and interest in the endowment fund from life memberships. Mr. Ebert announced the date of April 7 for the Hammond Achievement Award dinner and asked all to reserve that date. Bert Hindmarch announced the annual meeting for May 12 at which John Stover will be the speaker and the tour in June conducted by Kevin Augustyn, speaker at the April meeting.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker of the day, Archibald Mc Kinlay, who had grown up in East Chicago and attended Washington High School, University of Colorado at Boulder and Graduated from Indiana University. He has published one book entitled The Swamp Baron and has a second one ready to publish with the Hammond Historical Society mostly about the Forsythe family. Mr. McKinlay indicated that an important factor in the development of Hammond was the formation of the first railroad, the B & O C T. Jacob Forsythe supplied the mules that helped build the railroad thru the water in the area. George Clark had made a fortune selling portable homes. He used the money to buy up 20,000 acres of land between Chicago and Gary. George Clark died in 1866 and left his estate to his brothers and sisters. One of his sisters was Forsythe's wife. He started the first major industry in the Calumet Region, lumbering. The Chicago fire in 1871 wiped out a lot of Forsythe's trees. He went into real estate and sold land near the state line for a million dollars. He built Sheffield, Indiana, patterned after Sheffield, England, a steel city.

Marcus Towle brought General Torrence to the area to build the first Steel mill--where Wisconsin Steel now is located. Forsythe left the area and moved in to South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Hammond experienced its greatest growth in the 1880's when Thomas Hammond came and the Hammond Land Company and a major bank came. Hammond had poor water. It had to pass thru Forsythe's land to get to the lake for water. There was a no-man's land between Forsythe's land and Hammond. Hammond moved to annex the land next to them. Forsythe resisted. Gambling was banned in Chicago so the Roby area attracted all sorts of shady business and became the Coney Island of the West. Forsythe encouraged Whiting to take on Hammond in the attempt to annex no-man's land. Forsythe opened two new race tracks for continuous racing. Hammond officials wanted reform. They took it to court and on Feb. 16, 1896 Hammond lost the court decision and the taxable property of Roby, Robertsdale, Sheffield, Wilcox and any hopes of the Standard Oil land. Forsythe celebrated with dynamite that day--The day Hammond Lost the 4th Ward. How they recovered it is another whole story.

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Forsythe died in 1899. The only surviving offspring of Forsythe was Dahra who became a member of Parliament in Ireland, Dame Dahra of Ireland. Mr. Mckinlay indicated the story needs much more research done and encouraged interested parties to do so.

Mr. Hayward announced the next meeting on February 15 will feature Jerry Kutak's talk on the Dutchy of Glendale Park. He announced Gladys Umbaugh had been operated on for hip replacement and had returned to her home at the Luthern Home of Northwest Indiana. He announced Margaret Kelley at our meeting was celebrating her birthday today.

The meeting adjourned at 4 P.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Av. Hammond	931-5964
Helen Geiger	7128 Jefferson Av. Hammond	931-3771
Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Av. Hammond	931-3771
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Av. Hammond	932-3029
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Av. Hammond	844-4113
Dorothy M. Johnson	6922 White Oak Av. Hammond	989-9655
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	932-0400
Pat & Archibald McKinlay	1440 Lake Shore Dr. Chicago	312-751-2453
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8459
Harry F. Marshall	4612 Indianapolis Blvd, E. Chic.	398-9824
Hazel M. Petrie	7124 Forest Av. Hammond	932-8726
Russell A. Petrie	7124 Forest Av. Hammond	932-8726
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	862-5164
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Av. Hammond	845-0496
Ed. Hayward	6708 Madison Av. Hammond	932-6319
Archibald McKinlay	1440 North Lake Shore Dr. Chicago	312-751-2453
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Av. Hammond	931-3110
Mrs. W. Jonas	256 Detroit St. Hammond	932-5056
Mrs. A. Seevers	18257 Roy St. Lansing	474-3435
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Av. Hammond	
Florence Geiger	6530 Jefferson Av. Hammond	
Marilyn Painter	925 - 176th Place, Hammond	937-1724
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Av. Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Av. Highland	923-2045
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Str. Hammond	931-2232
J. H. Judson	3672 Jackson St. Lansing	
Austin Boyle	8750 Harrison Av. Munster	836-1596
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Gehrke	1732 Davis St. Whiting	659-6316
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Av. Hammond	932-6605
Joseph Pachowicz	4350 Ash Av. Hammond	
Joy Pachowicz	4350 Ash Av. Hammond	
Marie Mott	6600 W. 25th Av. Gary	844-8575
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St. Hammond	932-4847
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Av. Hammond	932-2754
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Pk, Hammond	933-0715
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Av. Hammond	845-2697
John F. Beckman	12 Warren St. Hammond	933-7372
Betty Higginson	12 Warren St. Hammond	937 1255
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Av. Hammond	933-7424

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1981

The Hammond Historical Society held a regular meeting on Sunday, February 15, 1981 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. 49 members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting was opened with each one present introducing him/her self. Margaret Gunderson announced that the Terrace Park Church of God at 3104 - 173rd Street had agreed to host the annual meeting on Tuesday, May 12. Rev. Bryant is the current minister there. Jules Ebert announced that tickets are now available for the Hammond Achievement Award dinner on Tuesday, April 7 at \$17 each.

Mr. Hoyward introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Jerry Kutak, now retired and privately practicing law, but formerly President of Guarantee Reserve Insurance, and an active member of the business community. Mr. Kutak spoke about the Duchy of Glendale Park. This is a small area, only 12 acres of real estate, across the street from Knoerzer's Auto Sales, from Hohman to State Line and both sides of a loop drive with a parkway in the middle. It now has an entrance only from Hohman since the exit on State Line was closed in 1941 because of the traffic on State Line. The area contains only 15 houses, 7 on the north and 8 on the south plus a condominium north of the entrance. The parkway in the center is owned by the residents of Glendale Park. They are not allowed to build on it but they must maintain it. In 1908 the area was formulated and a contract entered into by all the owners. They agreed to restrict all houses to one family dwellings plus their stables and adjoining buildings. The last buildings to be built were the Reeder home at 30 Glendale Park and the condominium built on the north side of the entrance drive. The members of the area contested its being built but lost.

Mr. Kutak gave a brief history of each of the houses while he showed a slide picture of each of the houses and as far as he knew, told who built the house and who had lived in each up to the present, starting with his own at 18 Glendale Park and moving east up the north side of the street and then from west to east up the south side of the street. This information is recorded on a tape in the Calumet Room as presented at an earlier society meeting.

Present owners of the houses are:

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| 18 - Jerome Kutak | 17 - Owen W. Crumpacker |
| 22 - Anne Kutak | 21 - Duane Dedelow |
| 30 - Mrs. June Reeder | 33 - William P. Wilke |
| 38 - Joseph Van Bokkelem | 41 - Kirk Pinkerton |
| 44 - Gerald J. Mazur | 45 - Richard Doolin |
| 50 - C. Jerome Smith | 51 - Donale E. Swibes |
| 60 - Jeremiah Twoomey | 57 - Robert P. Gilbert |
| 64 - Dean Mitchell | 63 - Four Apartment Building |

In the question and answer period, Mr. Kutak asked that any having corrections to offer on the things that he had said please send them to him documented if possible.

The next meeting was announced for Sunday, March 15 when Bob Leas from the Hammond Times will talk about his wartime experiences as a Tank Commander in World War II and Korean War. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with refreshments served during a social period.

Marjorie Sahl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1981
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Ave, Hammond	845-0493
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street	931-2232
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave, Munster	836-6174
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Anne Kutak	22 Glendale Park, Hammond	931-6294
Harriet Drug	22 Glendale Park, Hammond	931-6294
Carolyn Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	932-8726
Hazel M. Petrie	7124 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-8726
Russell A. Petrie	7124 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-8726
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Lorraine Ferrari	3811 Cameron Ave, Hammond	931-1754
Mark Ferrari	3811 Cameron Ave, Hammond	931-1754
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	932-0400
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Frank Pouch	6343 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-2683
Mary Pouch	6343 Monroe Ave, Hammond	932-2683
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Gevevieve Kendzurski	1 Waltham St, Calumet City	To2-7628
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Ave, Hammond	932-6605
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Ave, Hammond	845-4196
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park	933-0715
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence St, Hammond	931-8824
Leona Schreiber	7125 Woodlawn Ave, Hammond	932-6786
Henrietta Gillespie	5661 Sohl Avenue, Hammond	931-9043
Ann Stevesa nd	918 Summer St, Hammond	932-7287
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	931-8459
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	937-3110
Kevin Augustyn	7034 Birch Ave, Hammond	845-2926
Lucy Skaggs	4848 Linden Ave, Hammond	931-6881
Lois Rueskin	1846 N. Indiana, Griffith	838-7159
Carol Tyler	9151 Grace Pl, Highland	924-4397
Mr. & Mrs. James Adams	1721 Stanton St, Whiting	659-5524
Betty & Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis St, Whiting	659-6316
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Mrs. Clara Beeler	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
John T. Beckman	12 Warren St, Hammond	933-7377
Betty Higgerson	12 Warren St, Hammond	937-1255
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424

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TANK WARFARE TOPIC SET

HAMMOND — Tank warfare in World War II and Korea will be the speaker's topic at the March 15 meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

Robert Leas, a display advertising salesman for The Times, will give the talk at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 464 State St.

In 1938, Leas graduated from the University of Illinois, where he majored in journalism. After college, he

worked for The Times until he joined the U.S. Army in 1942.

Leas served in the Tank Corps for four years. He was the only officer of his company to survive the "Battle of the Bulge." In 1951, Leas was called back into the army as a tank commander in the Korean War. In December, he returned home after being wounded.

Leas also has served on the city's draft and water boards.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1981

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 15, 1981 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bert Hindmarch presided. Fifty signed the attendance register.

Each person attending introduced himself. Jules Ebert presented the report of the By-Laws committee as included in the last bulletin. Comments were solicited. The need for the changes was explained. Mr. Hayward moved that the proposed changes be accepted, seconded by Charles McGregor, carried unanimously. A copy of the changes is attached as included in the March Bulletin.

Jules Ebert reported for the committee working on the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner for Jean Shepherd on April 7 at Wicker Park for \$17.00. Geraldine Bartels questioned the need for the price to be so high, stating it was a hardship for Senior Citizens to pay. J. Ralston Miller questioned the need for having liquor available. These arrangements having been set already for this year, the committee agreed to take the comments back to the planning committee to consider next year. Bert Hindmarch reported having interviewed Randy Shepherd, Jean's brother, and Randy had agreed to appear on Irv Lewin's program with him to promote the dinner. Bert found him, Randy, highly entertaining and suggested we consider him for a program of our society next fall.

Margaret Gunderson reported the annual meeting will be at the Terrace Park Church of God, 3104 - 173rd Street, Hammond, on Tuesday, May 12. Church women will cook the dinner of chicken and ham; price will be \$6.50; time 6:30 p.m.; speaker Dr. John F. Stover on "Hoosier Transportation from Flatboat to Amtrack."

Bert Hindmarch announced Calvin Augustyn will speak on April 26 on outstanding architecture of some Hammond homes and will lead our bus tour of these homes on June 14.

Mr. Hayward introduced the speaker of the day, Bob Leas, whom Mr. Hayward first met when he came to Hammond in 1954. Bob had lived in Hammond since 1922 when his family moved here from Crawfordsville. Bob has been active in community affairs, president of the J.C.'s, Vice President of Kiwanis, Chairman of the Draft Board and served on the Water Board. He presented a unique perspective of world history, a Hammondite's perspective of tank warfare in World War II and the Korean War.

Bob began by outlining his early military service. It was ROTC training while an undergraduate at the University of Illinois where he graduated in 1938. There his training was in the cavalry. He was out of school and working at the Hammond Times when Pearl Harbor occurred Dec. 7, 1941. He wanted to go so he signed up for V.O.C., Volunteer Officers Candidate training. He was accepted and sent to Camp Atterbury. Asked what branch of the service he wanted, he volunteered for tanks. Anyone who asked for tanks got tanks because it wasn't that popular a choice.

He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. They worked hard and ate heartily, gaining a pound a week for thirteen weeks of basic training. He was one of six out of thirty who were accepted and sent to the 32nd Armoured class. Only 58 out of 130 graduated from that class. He was sent to Camp Chaffee to await overseas assignment. They waited six weeks in New York, went by British ship to Scotland. He played bridge for four days crossing the Atlantic. They came down thru England to Wells in Somerset and camped behind the cathedral. They enjoyed six weeks in beautiful England before they were sent to fill in the casualties in the tank divisions in Europe. Three hundred tank lieutenants were sent over to England together. Alphabetically he was in the middle so went with the second of three waves. The first wave went first in the Normandy invasion and had many casualties. He was assigned to C Company, 5th Armoured Division, Tank Platoon 1. This meant he was in the lead tank, the first one out to get shot at. He had to develop a philosophy of confidence in what he was doing to inspire the men he was leading. He also had to think fast, identify the enemy and do something about it quickly to give the command to fire. They had to watch closely for road blocks. Each turn could be your last. Bazookas caused many casualties because of their common usage by civilians as well as army personnel.

Bob told graphically about his participation in the Hertkin Forest battle, the most desolate area he had seen and most heavily mined. They started out knowing it may be their last battle but all they could do was their best and hope that would get them through. They had to move in the dark, had heavy casualties and lost their company commander and a lt, two out of four officers in two days. He was the second lt. left in charge. They were days without food or water and with untreated wounded and prisoners. Finally the rangers came in to their rescue and made a house to house search, finding German soldiers only one-half block from their command post.

Bob served under Patton only from Normandy to Paris but was under General Hodges into Germany. He described his short lived joy on their entry into Paris, shortly after it was liberated. Instead of rest and relief they ran into sniper fire.

Time ran out so he was not able to describe much of the activity for and after V.E. day. He came back to work at the Hammond Times and four years later was called back into service in the Korean War. There they fought a completely different kind of war--in the rice paddies. He was wounded more seriously there and still carries shrapnel in his leg from that war.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 4:15 p.m.

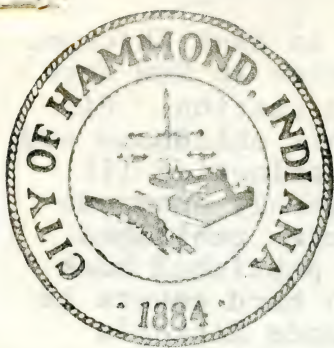
Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1981
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Lisha Gayle	The Times	932-3106
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe, Hammond	931-3110
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe, Hammond	931-3110
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, Il.	862-5164
Robert C. Leas	906 - 173rd Street, Hammond	931-9463
Carol Tyler	9151 Grace Place, Highland	924-4397
Jerome Kutek	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	932-4861
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond	932-6605
Florence Geiger	6530 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2875
Henry Geiger	6530 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2875
Henrietta Gillespie	5661 Sohl Avenue, Hammond	931-9043
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd, Hammond	932-7287
John F. Beckman III	12 Warren Street, Hammond	937-1255
Betty Higginson	12 Warren Street, Hammond	937-1255
Dorothy Bemisderfer	259 Vine Street, Hammond	931-9307
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Drive, Munster	836-6174
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond	932-7364
Geraldine R. Bartels	223 Timrick Drive, Munster	836-4174
Leona Bessler	7449 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Helen Geiger	7128 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	931-3771
Herb Geiger	7128 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	931-3771
Al Bessler	7449 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville, In.	865-8494
Connie Mantz	4234 Wabash Ave, Hammond	932-0099
Lucille Fricke	4242 Henry Ave, Hammond	932-7635
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond	931-8824
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey Street, Hammond	932-8459
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2232
Gladys Umbaugh	1000 E. Luther Drive, Crown Point, In.	663-4915
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Tom and Eileen Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster	838-5860
Betty and Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-6316
Jean and Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting	659-0454
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond	932-0554
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Marilyn Painter	925 - 176th Place, Hammond	937-1724
Robin Roach	7031 Parrish, #2, Hammond	845-5260
Eleanor Dunsmore	8204 Forest Ave, Munster	836-8975
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Ave, Hammond	
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond	933-0715
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Tom Pearson	4129 Torrence Ave, Hammond	932-6665
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond	932-8768
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ROBERT LEAS WILL GIVE
PROGRAM ON TANK WARFARE
IN WORLD WAR II and KOREA
SUNDAY, MARCH 15th, 2:30 p.m.

Robert Leas, Display Advertiser for The Times, Hammond will be our speaker on Sunday, March 15th starting at 2:30 p.m. at our usual meeting place at the Hammond Main Library Community Room.

Bob has lived in Hammond since 1922, when his family moved here from Crawfordsville. He attended Maywood Elementary School and graduated from Hammond High School in 1934. In 1938 he graduated from University of Illinois where he majored in journalism. He joined the Hammond Times Staff following college and worked there until 1942 when he entered the army serving in the U.S. Army in the Tank Corps for four years. He was the only officer of his company to survive the "Battle of the Bulge."

In 1951 Bob was called back into the army as a tank commander in the Korean War where he was wounded in November and returned home in December, 1951.

Bob is a member of the Hammond Historical Society and is currently Vice President of the Hammond Kiwanis Club. He has been President of the Hammond Junior Chamber of Commerce. Bob served on the Hammond Draft Board for 17 years, fourteen of these years as Chairman. He was a member of the Hammond Water Board for 14 years.

We know this will be an interesting program on an aspect of modern history from a participant who had a unique perspective of two wars. Come and bring a friend. Refreshments served following the program.

HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DINNER

Mr. Jean Shepherd, Author, Radio and Television Performer, and Lecture Circuit Speaker will be the recipient of the 1981 Hammond Achievement Award at a dinner in his honor on Tuesday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the Wicker Park Social Center sponsored by the Hammond Rotary Club, and the Hammond Historical Society.

Jean Shepherd grew up in Hammond in the 1920's and 30's, attended Harding Elementary School and Hammond

HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DINNER RESERVATION

Please send me _____ tickets for the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner at Wicker Park Social Center, Tuesday, April 7th. I enclose (check or money order) at \$17.00 per ticket in the amount of \$_____ to reserve places at the tables designated for the Hammond Historical Society.

Send to Miss Marjorie Sohl, Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana 46320. Tickets will be mailed to you.

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High School. His father worked at the Borden Milk Company in East Chicago. Following service in World War II, he became a radio announcer in New York City where he developed a late night talk show on WOR radio station. His most successful broadcasts were based on anecdotes about his childhood and youth in this mythical "Region" where steel mills and oil refineries lit the smoky night skies and recollections could be made fabulously humorous for Eastern audiences. In time, Shepherd had these anecdotes published as short pieces in Playboy and other magazines. His first published book is "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash," a best seller in hard covers in 1966 and subsequently published in paperback editions. "Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories and Other Disasters" and "The Ferrari in the Bedroom" were other books published in hard cover and paperback editions.

Shepherd was later associated with public television station WNJT in New Jersey where he produced films for television including "Jean Shepherd's America" and "The Phantom of the Open Hearth."

Tables of ten for the dinner and award presentation will be reserved for members of organizations who purchase tickets as a group at \$170.00 per table. Our society is guaranteeing two tables. Individual tickets are available at \$17.00 each at Hammond public libraries, bookstores and other locations. Members of the Achievement Award Committee of the Hammond Historical Society and Hammond Rotary Club also have tickets for sale.

TERRACE PARK CHURCH OF GOD TO HOST OUR
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 12th

Margaret Gunderson, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee for our annual dinner meeting has received confirmation from the Terrace Park Church of God that they will accomodate us for our annual meeting in May. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church. Program arrangements are indefinte at this time.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

The By-Laws Committee of the Board of Directors will propose the following by-laws changes at a special meeting for this purpose to be held as the first order of business at the time of our next regular meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th.

Article I NAME

No change

Article II OBJECTS

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No change

Article III STANDARDS

No change

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Institutional Memberships: No change
- (2) Individual Memberships: No change
- (3) Service Memberships: No change
- (4) Corresponding Memberships: No change
- (5) Life Memberships:
(This type of membership was added by membership vote several years ago, but was not incorporated in the By-Laws.)
Life memberships shall be for those individuals who have remitted a one time payment of \$100.00 for such memberships and who have been deemed appropriate for such membership.
- (6) Honorary Life Memberships:
Present #(5) now becomes #(6) with no change.
- (7) Applicants for Memberships:
Present #(6) now becomes #(7) with no change.

Article V ANNUAL DUES

(Annual dues for individuals, service and corresponding members were raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 some time ago by action of the membership, but By-Laws were not revised.)

Annual dues for Members of this Society shall be as follows:

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| (1) Institutional Memberships | \$10.00 (no change) |
| (2) Individual Memberships | \$ 5.00 (present practice) |
| (3) Service Membership | \$ 5.00 (present practice) |
| (4) Corresponding Membership | \$ 5.00 (present practice) |
| (5) Life Membership | No annual dues |
| (6) Honorary Life Membership | No dues |

Article VI MEETINGS

No change

Article VII DIRECTORS

(Sentence crossed out to be deleted.)

1. Subject to the authority of the members of this Society, the management of the affairs of this Society shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall be composed of (1) Twenty elected Directors and (2) all of the officers of this Society, except the Secretary, and (3) the most recent past president of this Society. Each elected Director shall hold office for four years and until his successor has been elected and qualified. ~~No elected Director shall be re-elected for an additional term until at least one year has elapsed since the completion of his previous term.~~ Terms of Directors shall be staggered and to this end, five directors shall be elected annually for four years and at the first election of directors, terms of those elected shall be determined so as to provide for staggered terms.

2. No change.
3. No change.
4. No change.

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Article VIII OFFICERS

(Changes are indicated by crossing out sentences or words to be deleted and substituting new language proposed.)

The Officers of this Society, to be elected annually by the members, shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Fourth Vice-President, Fifth Vice-President, and Treasurer. A Secretary shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. In addition, there shall be an Executive Vice-President appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Executive Vice-President will be the official position title of a paid full-time person who may be employed to manage the affairs of the Society.

(1) The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the members of this Society and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of this Society pursuant to authority from the members of Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. Subject to such authority, the President is authorized to make contracts in the name of the Society and to authorize the payment of expenses of this Society. The President may delegate such duties to other officers of the Society and may appoint such special or standing committees as he may deem necessary for carrying on the affairs of the Society. ~~The President of this Society may hold office for only one year at any time.~~

(2) VICE PRESIDENTS of this Society shall perform such special duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President or by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

- 1st Vice President - Program Chairman of meetings
- 2nd Vice President - Membership
- 3rd Vice President - Publicity and Public Relations
- 4th Vice President - Projects
- 5th Vice President - Annual Conclave

In order of their ~~seniority~~ (rank) the Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President of this Society in the event of the absence or disability of the President. In the event of death or resignation or other vacancy in the office of President, the ~~senior~~ Vice President (by rank) shall become President of this Society for the unexpired term.

(3) The TREASURER shall be the custodian of funds of this Society and shall keep them on deposit or invested in the name of the Society in such depositories or investments as the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may from time to time designate. When properly authorized, he shall have the power to withdraw said funds by check or to sell such investments. He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements and submit his report at the annual meeting of members.

(4) The EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (if employed) shall keep a record of the proceedings of this Society and of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. In addition, he shall perform such other duties in the management of the affairs of this Society as may be assigned to him by the President.

(5) The SECRETARY, in general shall perform, subject to the direction of the President, or Executive Vice President, all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to such secretary by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the President or the Executive Vice President.

Article IX SENIOR COUNCIL

No change

Article X ELECTIONS

No change

Article XI AMENDMENTS

No change.

Article XII MISCELLANEOUS

No change.

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LETTERS

Lansing, IL
Feb. 3, 1981

Mr. Maurice O'Hern:

While visiting the Tri State Manor Nursing Home, Mrs. Emmerling gave me a copy of your Newsletter. I enjoyed reading it very much. It brought back fond memories. In the Newsletter your article mentioned the Ku Klux Klan. I was expecting my first baby. My husband called the doctor's home and they said they would locate him. About an hour later, there was a knock at the door, and when my husband answered, there was this big hooded figure. It was the doctor. He said he had been in a parade and didn't take time to change. This was November 22, 1924 on a Saturday evening. Our son was born on the 23rd. I couldn't believe he was a member of the Klan. He asked us not to mention to anyone what we found out and we didn't. He was a wonderful person, wish there were doctors like him today. You mentioned the water fountain on Hohman Street. Don't you remember the cannon that was across the sidewalk from the fountain? I have a postal card picture of the cannon. You mentioned Turner Field. The first baseball field I remember was at the corner of Towle and Gostlin Street on the north side. I have a picture of the team. The field was used when the circus came to town. We got to see a parade 3 times when the circus passed our home. They unloaded on the Michigan Central Railroad. The part of the parade I liked best was the steam calliope. The other evening while watching T.V. I saw Gene Autrey. Did you know he made a personal appearance at the Orpheum Theatre? That was about 61 years ago. He stood at the exit door and asked everyone how they liked the show. I was standing across the lobby and he came over and asked me how I liked the show. He said I am Gene Autrey, what's your name? I wonder if he would remember visiting. I guess he was just starting out on his musical career. We live in Lansing, but Hammond will always be dear to my heart.

Mrs. George W. Krueger
18409 Ridgewood, Lansing, IL 60438

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1981

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Article XI AMENDMENTS

No change.

Article XII MISCELLANEOUS

No change.

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LETTERS

Lansing, IL
Feb. 3, 1981

Mr. Maurice O'Hern:

While visiting the Tri State Manor Nursing Home, Mrs. Emmerling gave me a copy of your Newsletter. I enjoyed reading it very much. It brought back fond memories. In the Newsletter your article mentioned the Ku Klux Klan. I was expecting my first baby. My husband called the doctor's home and they said they would locate him. About an hour later, there was a knock at the door, and when my husband answered, there was this big hooded figure. It was the doctor. He said he had been in a parade and didn't take time to change. This was November 22, 1924 on a Saturday evening. Our son was born on the 23rd. I couldn't believe he was a member of the Klan. He asked us not to mention to anyone what we found out and we didn't. He was a wonderful person, wish there were doctors like him today. You mentioned the water fountain on Hohman Street. Don't you remember the cannon that was across the sidewalk from the fountain? I have a postal card picture of the cannon. You mentioned Turner Field. The first baseball field I remember was at the corner of Towle and Gostlin Street on the north side. I have a picture of the team. The field was used when the circus came to town. We got to see a parade 3 times when the circus passed our home. They unloaded on the Michigan Central Railroad. The part of the the parade I liked best was the steam calliope. The other evening while watching T.V. I saw Gene Autrey. Did you know he made a personal appearance at the Orpheum Theatre? That was about 61 years ago. He stood at the exit door and asked everyone how they liked the show. I was standing across the lobby and he came over and asked me how I liked the show. He said I am Gene Autrey, what's your name? I wonder if he would remember visiting. I guess he was just starting out on his musical career. We live in Lansing, but Hammond will always be dear to my heart.

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How we would walk up and down the aisles. A special kind of enjoyment was walking around the huge candy counter and just looking -- as we seldom had the price of a dime's worth of candy. That did not stop us from enjoying the displays. There must have been hundreds of items displayed on the counters. Display boxes were about 18" wide and 24" front to back. One that sticks in my mind was the display box for "gold" rimmed spectacles. People would come in and stand at the counter and try on pair after pair of these spectacles. When they found the pair that did the best for them, a purchase would be made.

Then on past the DeLuxe Theater and over to the Lion Store that stood on the site of Goldblatt's. The owners of the Lion Store rebuilt the store in the late 1920's just in time to be clobbered by the Depression. The owners, Kaufmann and Wolfe, had to give up their beautiful store. You can still see the initials K & W on the decorative terrazzo stones on the front of the building. Like Minas, the Lion Store was a great place to visit at Christmas time to ogle the toys in the Toy Department. Then on past the courthouse to look in the windows of the Ruff Hardware store. Perhaps we'd stop to gape at the workers moving Central Hammond High School from the corner of Hohman and Fayette to Russell Street. Or perhaps we'd watch the excavation and construction of what is now the Calumet National Building. Occasionally there would be a medicine show on the present site of Rosalee's. Then there was the huge, garish and red sign "MEE HOTEL" that stood out so blazingly at night.

And then there was the grand night of the week down town -- Saturday night, when the stores stayed open (the only night the stores stayed open). Everyone, so it seemed, went downtown to shop or just to make chance encounters with friends and acquaintances. The wonder of it all. Traffic jams, street car jams. Policeman walking beats. Salvation Army units with their devoted groups of musicians and singers playing Gospel music at the corner of Fayette and Hohman. This was accompanied by their great Christian preaching. This they would do in all kinds of weather. Preaching, shopping, meeting friends, street cars, jitneys, autos, trains, stores, charlatans selling gimmicks on street corners, and people, people, people. Gone, all gone.

The End

HAMMOND'S LAKEFRONT

Our story about the annexation by Hammond of the Robertsdale section of our city due to the need for police protection against the Lakeshore Gang and other marauders prompted a rebuttal from the Hammond Fire Department with a different story.

Originally Hammond's water supply came from wells one of which was located in front of the old city hall at Hohman and Michigan Streets. When the city grew and wells no longer supplied enough water, the city fathers looked to the then crystal clear waters of Lake Michigan as a potentially inexhaustible source. Bonds would have to be issued and, in order to be legally saleable, would have to include the unincorporated territory occupied by Roby and Robertsdale which would have to be annexed to Hammond.

Under the law at that time, this annexation would have to be approved by the Lake County Commissioners. Opposition came from the Shedd estate owners who were represented by Attorney W. H. H. Miller of ex-President Benjamin Harrison's law firm. Part of their case rested on the claim that Hammond could not give this remote territory adequate fire and police protection. So a date was set for the Lake County Commissioners to make a survey of the situation.

At that time what is now Sheffield Avenue was only a sand track connecting Hammond with the lake five miles to the north. The commissioners started out by horse and buggy from Hammond. When they were about half way to their destination, they were warned to leave the road by the clanging bell of the fire engine of the Hammond Fire Department pulled by a team of sweating horses which had run all the way from the fire station on Truman Street.

An old barn had somehow caught on fire at this strategic moment and the commissioners were properly impressed with the speed with which the Hammond Fire Department responded to the fire protection needs of the area. As a result, the commissioners proceeded with the annexation.

OPEN HOUSE IN GALENA

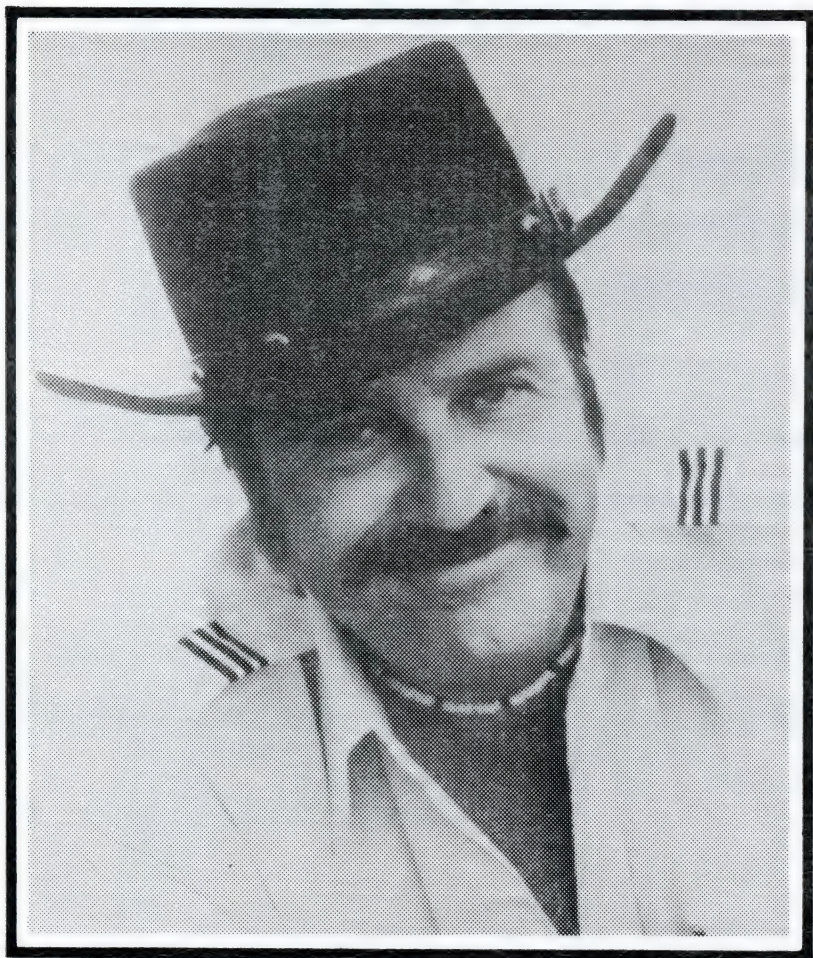
The Galena (ILL.) Historical Society sent us a brochure about their Fourteenth Annual Open House Tour on June 13th and 14th. Five nineteenth century homes and the Galena Historical Museum will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. A Victorian Buffet Luncheon will be served at the Museum. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students. This is an interesting and historic section of the country to visit on a weekend and not too far to drive.

Hammond Historical Society
260 - 165th Street
Hammond, Indiana 46324

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**ANNUAL HAMMOND
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JEAN SHEPHERD

April 7, 1981

PROGRAM

INVOCATION	<i>Jack Rogers</i>
MASTER OF CEREMONY	<i>Sam Sax</i>
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	<i>Sam Sax</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
Keys to City of Hammond	<i>Mayor Edward J. Raskosky</i>
Hammond Historical Society President	<i>Bert Hindmarch</i>
Hammond Rotary Club President	<i>Don Weis</i>
HONORED GUEST	<i>Jean Shepherd</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Jack Rogers</i>

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BRIEF HISTORY

The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a person educated in Hammond who has achieved national or international fame in the field of the arts, science or business and industry. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Jean Shepherd grew up in Hammond in the 1920's and '30s, attended Harding Elementary School and graduated from Hammond High School in 1939. After serving in the Signal Corps in World War II, he attended Indiana University before becoming a radio show host in Cincinnati. He also initiated a TV show called "Rear Bumper" while in Cincinnati.

In the 1950's and '60s, Jean's late night show on Radio Station WOR in New York and other stations in eastern United States was a favorite with large audiences. Anecdotes related on these shows provided material for magazine stories and for hardcover and paperback editions of books published by Doubleday & Company and Dodd Publishing Company. More recently Jean has produced a television movie, "The Phantom of the Open Hearth," and a television series entitled "Jean Shepherd's America" shown nationwide on public television.

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JEAN SHEPHERD: AUTHOR, HUMORIST

"Off the far horizon, beyond the railroad yards and the great refinery tanks, lay our own private mountain range. Dark and mysterious, cold and uninhabited, outlined against the steel-gray skies of Indiana winter, the Mills. It was the Depression, and the natives had been idle so long that they no longer even considered themselves out of work. Work had ceased to exist, so how could you be out of it? A few here and there picked up a day or so a month at the Roundhouse or the Freight yards or the slag heaps at the Mill, but mostly they just spent their time clipping out coupons that promised virgin territories for distributing ready-made suits door to door or offering untold riches repairing radios through correspondence courses." From *In God We Trust; All Others Pay Cash*.

"Her name was Daphne Bigelow. Even now, ten light-years removed from the event, I cannot suppress a fugitive shiver of tremulous passion and dark yearning...Way down deep among the lower one third of the class, amid that great rabble of faceless mankind who squat among the rancid lunch bags and mucky galoshes of academe, who are forever condemned to view the great pageants of life from parked third-hand jalo-pies amid the apple cores and beer cans of drive-in movies, I sat hardly daring to hope; from over a gulf so vast as to make all earthly distances pale to triviality and devoured her daily with my eyes from behind a Biology I workbook." From *Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories*.

"Only America could have produced Johnson Smith & Company. Johnson Smith is to Man's darker side what Sears Roebuck represents to the clean-limbed soil-tilling righteous side, a rich compost heap of exploding cigars, celluloid teeth, Anarchist (Stink) Bombs (No. 6256) more fun than a Limburger Cheese"). The Johnson Smith catalog is a magnificent smudgy thumbprint of a totally lusty, vibrant, alive, crude Post Frontier society, a society that was, and in some ways still remains, an exotic mixture of moralistic piety and violent primitive humor." From *The Ferrari in the Bedroom*.

THE TIMES Sunday, April 26, 1981

History Talk Set

HAMMOND —
“Hoosier Transportation from Flatboat to Amtrak” will be the topic of a Hammond Historical Society presentation May 12.

The lecture by Purdue University History Professor Emeritus John F. Storey will be given at the society's annual dinner meeting. The meeting will be held in the Terrace Park Church of God, 3104 173rd St.

In addition, the Rev. H.D. Bryant, pastor of the church, will give a brief history of his congregation.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1981

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bert Hindmarch at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 1981 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the last meeting had been reported in the bulletin. Roger Reeder reported a treasurer's balance of \$2223.36 and stated that dues are now due with the forthcoming annual meeting. Jules Ebert reported on a successful Hammond Achievement Award dinner with 425 attending. A reminder was given to make reservations with the secretary for the annual banquet meeting Tuesday, May 12 at which John Stover of Purdue Lafayette will speak on Hoosier transportation from flatboat to Amtrack. Rev. H. D. Bryant of the Terrace Park Church of God, the host church, will review their history. The final activity for the year will be the tour on June 14 at which time Kevin Augustyn will lead us on a tour of the outstanding architecture of Hammond.

Mr. Hayward introduced the speaker for the day, Randy Shepherd, brother of Jean Shepherd and the brother referred to in Jean's books. He suggested to Randy that this was his opportunity for rebuttal of all the things said about him in Jean's books. Randy worked for many years for Borden's but chose to speak about his hobby of collecting antique cars and his child's eye view of Hammond. He said his antique car was a way of fantasizing life. He pointed out a car collector has a real interest in cars and in one particular kind that he collects. A car investor is one who has a lot of cars he buys and sells for an investment. Randy Shepherd admitted that his hang-up was the Rolls Royce.

Randy told about his childhood in Hessville where they moved when he was a boy and where Jean's stories start. He recalled some of the things they did as kids, like rubber gun wars with Hessville roses, (stickers); digging up sassafras root for tea on Saturday morning excursions in the woods and swamps; their hunts for Indiana arrowheads in the swamps and finding Indian dug-out canoes half buried there. They chewed a nice slice of tar for chewing gum. He remembered going "junking" for Fred Doppler who took the collected junk to have it sold and used that money to live on. In return his wife made them German coffee cake (streussel).

As a kid, baseball was his first love. He was a baseball nut, playing all the time. He ended up playing with the Cincinnati Reds. He told how hard it was for a new player to be accepted on a team. It was a real insight into human nature. The attention fans pay to players was rewarding.

Asked how he got his Rolls Royce, he said he always had a desire for one. He answered an ad that was settling an estate. You bid on it and the seller can say yes or no. He bid on it but was told it was to go to a labor man from Milwaukee who had until 3 p.m. of a certain day to come for it. He did not come by 3 so at 3:05 Randy, who was waiting there was told he could have it because he had shown he was a

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true collector. It was one thing to look at it and talk about collecting but another thing to actually buy it. He tried to finance it thru the bank and they would have no part of it.

After he had a Rolls Royce, he told how they met others who owned one and belonged to the Rolls Royce Club. The club members meet at various places to eat and all bring their cars to the place chosen. He said the people you meet at these gatherings were all so interesting and unusual. Have more fun in you life--buy a fun car! He told of taking 6 nuns for a ride in his Rolls Royce and what fun they had. The mother superior told him to "Have fun, you only live once!"

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1981
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond	931-9307
Will Rogers	1223 Ridge Road, Munster	923-6512
Michael D. Shutko	2233 1/2 169th Street, Hammond	
Randall Shepherd	2230 Ridgewood, Highland	923-2400
Virginia Hale	217 Terrace Drive, Munster	836-5100
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence St. Hammond	931-8824
Bob & Shirley Hawkins	11443 Valley Ct, St. John, Ind.	
Ed Hayward	6708 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-6319
John & Ethel Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave, Munster	836-2223
Roger K. Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond	932-0400
Lucille Fricke	4242 Henry Ave, Hammond	932-7635
Connie Moritz	4234 Wabash Ave. Hammond	932-0099
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8954
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave, Munster	836-6174
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St, Hammond	931-2232
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Ave, Apt. 3C, Hammond	932-7364
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Jean and Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Mel Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	865-8494
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Elkins	6407 Jackson St, Hammond	931-1304
J. R. Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond	932-0554
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Genevieve Kendzierski	1 Waltham St, C.C. Ill	To2-7628
Helen & Herb Geiger	7128 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	931-3771
Roy & Viola Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut St, Hammond	845-0493
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Bert Hindmarch	7108 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St, Hammond	932-4847
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1981

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 12, 1981 at 6:30 p.m. at the Terrace Park Church of God, 3104 - 173rd Street, Hammond. President Bert Hindmarch welcomed the sixty-one members and friends attending. Rev. Hilton Bryant gave the invocation. The women of the church served a chicken and ham buffet dinner.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The guests at the head table were introduced. Minutes of the last annual meeting, May 20, 1980 were read and approved. Roger Reeder commented on the financial statement included on the back of the program. Balance is high because a publication has not been released yet this year. However, publication of Archibald McKinley's Calumet Roots is anticipated in the next couple of months. He announced the cost of the bus tour of Hammond's architectural history on June 14 will be \$4.00.

Bert Hindmarch in his attached annual report paid tribute to a number of people who had rendered service to the society this year: John Wilhelm, our founding father; dinner chairman Margaret Gunderson; Treasurer Roger Reeder; retired Calumet Room librarian, Florence Cleveland; and the five historical society members who served with the Rotarians in planning the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner. Mr. Edward B. Hayward who just retired as Director of the Hammond Public Library was presented with a certificate of Honorary Life Membership in the Hammond Historical Society as a token thanks for his many years of service and most recently, serving as Editor of the Newsletter, since the death of Warren Reeder in 1976. Past Presidents of the society were asked to stand and seven were attending tonight. Mr. Charles McGregor presented the following report for the Nominating Committee:

President - Bert Hindmarch
1st Vice President - Jerome Kutak
2nd Vice President - Roy Duke
3rd Vice President - Herbert Geiger
4th Vice President - Jules Ebert
5th Vice President - Margaret Gunderson
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Roger Reeder
Director, Term Expiring May, 1982 - J. R. Miller
Director, Term Expiring May, 1983 - Ed Hayward
Directors, Term Expiring May, 1985 - Roland Clarke
Ed. Hanish
Al. Hayes
Mrs. Aileen Luney
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

No nominations were presented from the floor so Tom Rutkowski moved that the nominated slate be declared elected. Charles McGregor seconded it, carried.

Mrs. Nina Cravens conducted a very meaningful memorial service for the seven members who have passed away during the past year: Mr. Norman Allen, Mr. Charles Bomberger, Miss Charlotte Kasten, Mr. Carl Kleihege, Miss Florence Miller, Mrs. Arthur Sluyter, Mr. Ludolph Todd. She closed with the very poignant thought, "If we continue to love the ones we lose, we never lose the ones we love."

Rev Hilton Bryant summarized the history of the Terrace Park Church of God as being one of over 2300 churches in the denomination in the United States and Canada and also in 58 countries of the world. The National offices are in Anderson, Indiana. They have been concerned that Christians are divided by names and felt that education is one of the primary ways to reach and hopefully unite people. The Liberal Arts College and Seminary were started in Anderson and since then four others in the United States and one in Canada have been started. Their church grew from a Vacation Bible School started in 1939 and met in a self constructed church on their present site. The present church was built in 1970-71 and dedicated in April, 1971. They have had five pastors, Rev. Jones, Rev. Sequil, Rev. Biggs for four years, Rev. Gunner for four years and Rev. Bryant for 11½ years. He came in 1969.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker of the day, John Stover, Professor Emeritus of Purdue University to talk about Indiana transportation from flatboat to Amtrack. Mr. Stover indicated his long and deep interest in Railroads--since his parents took him on his first ride on one in 1915 when he wanted to ride in the engine and had to sit back with the passengers. His story started back in 1815 when Indiana became a state and was an agrarian land, taking ten farmers to feed 11 or 12 people. Much has changed since then for now one farmer feeds 15 to 20 people. He tied local history to the coming of the railroad era in that the Hammond Packing plant was established in 1869--the year the golden spike was driven in the cross country railroad. Hammond missed the flat boat stage by its time and location.

The flatboats operated on the rivers in Lincoln's day. In 1828 Abe Lincoln made a flatboat trip down to New Orleans in 8 to 10 weeks. They would float their cargo down the river on a flat boat, sell the cargo, break up the flatboat and come back on a steamer. The Ohio, Wabash and White Rivers were used by the early steamboats. Lafayette, where Mr. Stover has lived for 34 years, is the headwater of steam boat traffic. Indianapolis offered a \$250 prize to the first boat to come up the White River to Indianapolis. The Robert Hanna boat made it April 11, 1831. It ran aground and had to wait for rain before it got out. That ended Indianapolis steamboat history. Columbus, Indianapolis and Springfield got their fame by railroads, not boats. Small sternwheelers got up the Wabash to Lafayette but steamboats were dangerous. They hit snags in the river and exploded.

Overland transportation started in the early 1800s with the Conestoga Wagons for cargo and stage coaches for passengers. The drivers became known as a rough lot. About 1820 - 40 the canals became very popular with about 3000 miles of canals being built but the rivers in Indiana were mostly too steep for locks. The one from Lafayette to Ft. Wayne to Toledo and Lake Erie just got started too late. It cost \$7 for a 2½ day peaceful trip then. The railroads came before it got well started. The railroads had many advantages. They were faster, safer, longer season (12 months a year), shorter routes than the meandering rivers, could go up hills where water could not, and were cheaper than the Conestoga wagons. From 1830 to 1850 the railroads competed with other transportation means then but by 1850 they beat out all the competitors and operated for 50 years to World War I without competition. Since then they have had much competition from planes and trucks and buses and roads. In 1849

it took Lincoln 12-13 days to get home to Springfield from Washington. By 1861 he could make the trip in 48 hours. In the 1850 decade railroads were built to serve every state existing then. In 1850 Indiana had 200 miles of railroads and by 1860 had 2000 miles of railroads. Mark Twain's *Life on the Mississippi* compares the 1840-50 decade when the steamboat was king. Both people and cargo increased in volume. The size of the railroad timetable books tells the story of the number of trains running. In 1867 the Railroad Guide was the size of one of our present small paperbacks. In the 1920's it was the size of the Chicago phone book. Now the Amtrack & Pa R. R. timetable is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. From the 1930's on great improvements were made in railroad equipment with automatic couplers, air brakes and such but the railroads got hit with a double dose of regulations at the same time they got a double dose of competition. Railroads are still important carrying 30-35% of the freight but passenger travel is practically gone.

A reminder of the bus tour June 14 was announced as the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1981
ATTENDANCE

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Clarke
Ellen Collins & daughter
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing
Mr. & Mrs. Jules Ebert
Mr. Roy Duke
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gehrke
Mrs. Conchetta Geis
Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Geiger
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger
Margaret Gunderson
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Hayward
Mr. & Mrs. B. A. Hindmarch
Caroline Hohman
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas
Mrs. Frederick Jurgens
Hazel Lindstrom
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Luney
Charles McGregor
Verlyn Mack
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Reeder
Kate Richmond
Tom Rutkowski
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Ogg
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Seidler
Marjorie Sohl
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler
Anna Stevesand
Harold R. Story
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner
Isabel Webb
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm
Mr. & Mrs. John Stover
Rev. & Mrs. Hilton Bryant
Mr. & Mrs. Lennin
Mrs. Nina Cravens

HAMMOND, INDIANA



TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

MAY 12TH, 1981

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
21st ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 12th, 1981 6:30 p.m.

Terrace Park Church of God
3104 - 173rd Street, Hammond

WELCOME.....Mr. Bert Hindmarch

INVOCATION.....Rev. Hilton Bryant

* DINNER *

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Annual Financial Report

Roger Reeder, Treasurer

President's Annual Report

Bert Hindmarch

Nominating Committee Report

Charles McGregor

MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Nina Cravens

In Memory of:

Mr. Norman Allen Mr. Carl Kleihege

Mr. Charles Bomberger Miss Florence Miller

Miss Charlotte Kasten Mrs. Arthur Sluyter

Mr. Ludolph Todd

"HISTORY OF THE TERRACE PARK CHURCH OF GOD"
Rev. Hilton Bryant

"HOOSIER TRANSPORTATION FROM FLATBOAT TO
AMTRACK"...Dr. John Stover, Professor Emeritus,
Purdue University

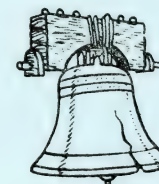
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

* DINNER CHAIRMAN - Miss Margaret Gunderson *

OFFICERS 1980 - 1981

President.....Bert Hindmarch
1st Vice President.....Alfred Hayes
2nd Vice President.....Herbert Geiger
3rd Vice President.....Margaret Gunderson
4th Vice President.....Roy Duke
5th Vice President.....Melvin Spangler
Secretary.....Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer.....Roger Reeder



DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1981

Mr. Roland Clarke
Mr. Edward Hanish
Mrs. Eileen Luney
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

Term thru May, 1983

Mrs. Henry Hoyles
Mrs. H. E. Miner
Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Mr. Charles McGregor

Term thru May, 1982

Mr. Herbert Geiger
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman
Mrs. Edward Hayward
Mrs. Ruth Whitman

Term thru May, 1984

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer
Mr. Tom Rutkowski
Mrs. Wanda Seevers
Mr. James Towle

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
May 1, 1980 to April 30, 1981

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1980.....\$2,079.99

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$ 696.50
Dinner.....	396.50
Bicentennial Book.....	15.00
Achievement Award.....	44.20
Total Receipts	\$1,152.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter.....	\$ 147.42
Postage.....	208.50
Refreshments.....	25.00
Donation.....	50.00
Achievement Award.....	58.44
Advertising & Supplies.....	14.47
Dinner.....	421.00
Bicentennial Book.....	36.00
Total Dislburesments	\$ 960.83

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1981 \$2,271.36

LIFE ENDOWMENT FRUND April 30, 1981 \$ 431.35

PAST PRESIDENTS
1959 to 1980

Mr. John Wilhelm
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*
Mr. Edward B. Hayward
Mrs. Vincent Bower
Mr. George Nelson
Mr. Anton Tapper*
Mrs. Mary Peters*
Mrs. Harry Wilson
Mr. Walter Bell*
Mrs. Henry Cleveland
Miss Marjorie Sohl

Mr. Gordon Whitney
Mr. Verlyn Mack
Mrs. Nina Cravens
Mrs. Ray Williams
Mr. Kurt Marx*
Miss Fern Arnold
Mrs. Willard Jonas
Mrs. Grace Mack
Mr. Charles McGregor
Mr. Julius Ebert
Mr. Bert Hindmarch

Deceased

THE TIMES
Wednesday, June 10, 1981

Tour Sunday

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society is sponsoring a bus tour of the city's architectural and historical landmarks.

The air-conditioned tour will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday from the Hammond School City administration building at the corner of Hohman Avenue and Waltham Street.

The guide for the two-hour tour will be Kevin Augustyn of the Hammond Planning Department. Reservations are available by contacting Marjorie Sohl at the Hamond Public Library, 564 State St.

Thursday,
September 10, 1981

Region briefly

Special events

- The Hammond Historical Society is sponsoring a Sept. 20 bus tour of the city's architectural and historical landmarks.

The tour will begin at 2:30 p.m. from the Hammond School City Administartion building, on the corner of Hohman Avenue and Waltham Street. The tour had been planned in June but was postponed because of flooding.

The guide for the two-hour tour will be Kevin Augustyn of the Hammond Planning Department. Reservations are available by contacting Marjorie Sohl at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

THE TIMES

Sunday,
October 18, 1981

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Family briefly

Calendar

- The Hammond Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Main Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street. The featured speaker will be Mr. Harold Ogg, Director of the Hammond Public Library, who will give a slide lecture entitled "Canals: an historical consideration." The presentation will feature material on the Whitewater Canal of Indiana and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal of Maryland.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1981

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library preceeding the regular meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 1981. Attending were Bert Hindmarch, presiding, Ed. Hanish, Roy Duke, Alfred Hayes, Roger Reeder, Mrs. Tom Luney, Ron Clarke, Dorothy Bemisderfer, Margaret Gunderson, J. Ralston Miller and Marjorie Sohl.

Treasurer Roger Reeder reported a balance of \$1916.23. A list of those whose dues are one and two years delinquent is being prepared and will be noted on their next copy of the bulletin. Then Mr. Duke will call them to try to activate their membership.

Minutes of meetings are not being read but are summarized in the newsletter. It was noted that three members have died since the annual meeting in May and the secretary was instructed to make this known at regular meetings when we know about them. Also gift items to the Calumet Room should be acknowledged at meetings and in the newsletter.

Roger Reeder reviewed the publication projects we have under consideration:

1. Bill Tuley, whose history of the Hammond Braves was our last publication, has completed and printed a history of St. John where he was president of the town board for many years. He has offered it to us to insert some pages of information of our society and use it as our publication @ \$3.25 each for 400 copies.

2. Archibald McKinley's publication Number 3 which we now have copies of purchased at \$2.50 each that will be mailed to members as soon as the membership list is up-dated.

3. The Best of Twenty years of the Hammond Historical Society Newsletters. These have been selected already by Mr. Hayward and need only to be typed for printing to be published.

4. History of Hammond's architectural landmarks is being prepared by Kevin Augustyn of the Hammond Department of Planning and Development.

5. Republication of the book of character sketches of prominent Hammond citizens in the early 1900's.

Archibald McKinley's will be mailed out soon. No decision was made on which one of the others to do next. Roger Reeder agreed to get a price on typing up the material for the Best of Twenty years of our newsletters.

Roger Reeder brought in two aerial photographs donated by Ruth Smith at the Calumet Board of Realtors. They are of 1. the area south of 165th and east of the Monon Railroad and 2. south of 165th along Forest Avenue. Marjorie Sohl noted recent donations to the Calumet Room of a box of materials from Mrs. Karl Kleihege and a box of materials from the home of Mrs. Margaret Kelley who died earlier this month. As time permits, these will be classified and added to the Calumet Room collection.

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Bert Hindmarch brought to the Board's attention the recent decision of the Hammond Library Board not to staff the Calumet Room. The attached letter expressing our concern and requesting reconsideration of the decision was circulated. Ed. Hanish moved that the letter be forwarded to the library board, seconded by Roy Duke, carried.

The following pieces of correspondence have been received:

1. A letter from Mr. Mulac of Lansing offering to do drawings of local historical sites that can be reproduced and sold by the society. He enclosed a sample of what he has done for the Lansing society. Mr. Hindmarch agreed to contact him for more information to present to the Board at the next meeting.
2. A letter from Inland Steel, Donald Shiras, Coordinator of Public Affairs, enclosing a questionnaire from the assessment committee for a proposed Northwest Indiana Arts Center.
3. An announcement from South Lake Mall of a Community Action Week, February 2-7, 1982, offering space to our organization at no charge to promote our activities and publications. An application form was enclosed to be returned by January 1, 1982. We would need volunteers to staff it.
4. Questionnaires for the proposed Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly. No action was taken on the above correspondence.

It was noted that the changes in the Society's By-Laws were published in the March, 1981 newsletter but a corrected set of By-Laws has not been published. The secretary was instructed to combine the corrections with the original By-Laws and have an up-to-date set of By-Laws published in the newsletter with an up-to-date list of members in order to have it in the hands of each member.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1981

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bert Hindmarch, at 2:35 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, October 18, 1981. Twenty-three members signed the attendance sheet.

Mr. Hindmarch commented on the successful tour of our architectural heritage held as the September meeting and guided by Kevin Augustyn of the Hammond Department of Planning and Development. He acknowledged Mr. Harold Ogg has accepted the Editorship of the newsletter but needs to be supplied regularly with material for it.

Marjorie Sohl reported that three members had died since our annual meeting: Irv Cheyken 6/17/81, Helen Woods 8/1/81 and Margaret Kelley 10/7/81. Donations of material to the Calumet Room have been received from the family of Margaret Kelley and from Mrs. Karl Kleihege. Posters are available for any who want them of some of the houses visited on the tour last meeting.

Treasurer Roger Reeder reported a balance of \$1916.23. A recent review of the membership indicates 110 are currently paid up-to-date, as many are one year delinquent, and another 54 are two years delinquent. The next newsletter will indicate to each member his standing.

The speaker for the next meeting was announced to be Mr. Frank Ingrahm from the YMCA on Sunday, November 15, 1981. He had been scheduled for today and had to postpone. In his place, Harold Ogg, the new Director of the Hammond Public Library and Editor of our newsletter, agreed to present his slides and comments on "Canals: an historical approach."

Mr. Ogg was born in eastern Kentucky and most recently worked in Cincinnati. This is the first place he has lived outside of the Ohio Valley so he has a real feel for rail and water transportation and feels at home among the Calumet Region railroads, steel mills and oil refineries. As a followup to Mr. Stover's history of Indiana canals at our last annual meeting, Mr. Ogg began with pictures of the 50 mile long Whitewater Canal in southeastern Indiana. Canals were the bridge between wagon and railroad transportation. Canals made it possible to move a lot of goods more cheaply than over land but they did not last long enough to make money before the railroads took over. Mr. Ogg distributed copies of a map of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal as it paralleled the Potomac River from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington, D.C. He then took us along on his 4-day, 62-hour, bicycle trip down the tow paths of the C & O Canal, viewing the mountainous terrain, the wench houses and the many locks and lock houses, the aqueducts and tunnels and diversions to the Potomac River. The canal area on the approach to Washington is now nicely maintained by the National Park Service.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Sohl
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



Hammond Historical Society [167]

October 19, 1981

Mr. Harold C. Ogg, Director
Hammond Public Library
564 State Street
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Dear Mr. Ogg,

On behalf of the members of the Hammond Historical Society, I would like to express my concern over the absence of a staff person to oversee the collection in the Calumet Room. There is some dismay over the fact that the collection of historical materials has laid dormant for much of this year without update.

The matter was discussed by the Society officers at our October 18 meeting, and the feeling of concern was shared by all those present. In the past, the Society and the Hammond Public Library have enjoyed a symbiotic relationship in which formal boundary lines have not been drawn regarding possession of materials. We think that this has been a most effective way of handling the collection and making the historical resources of the Calumet Region available to all.

We respectfully request, then, that you reconsider the termination of the Curator's position and allow it to be filled as in the past. Once again, we emphasize the importance of continuing the upkeep of this valuable collection.

Sincerely yours,

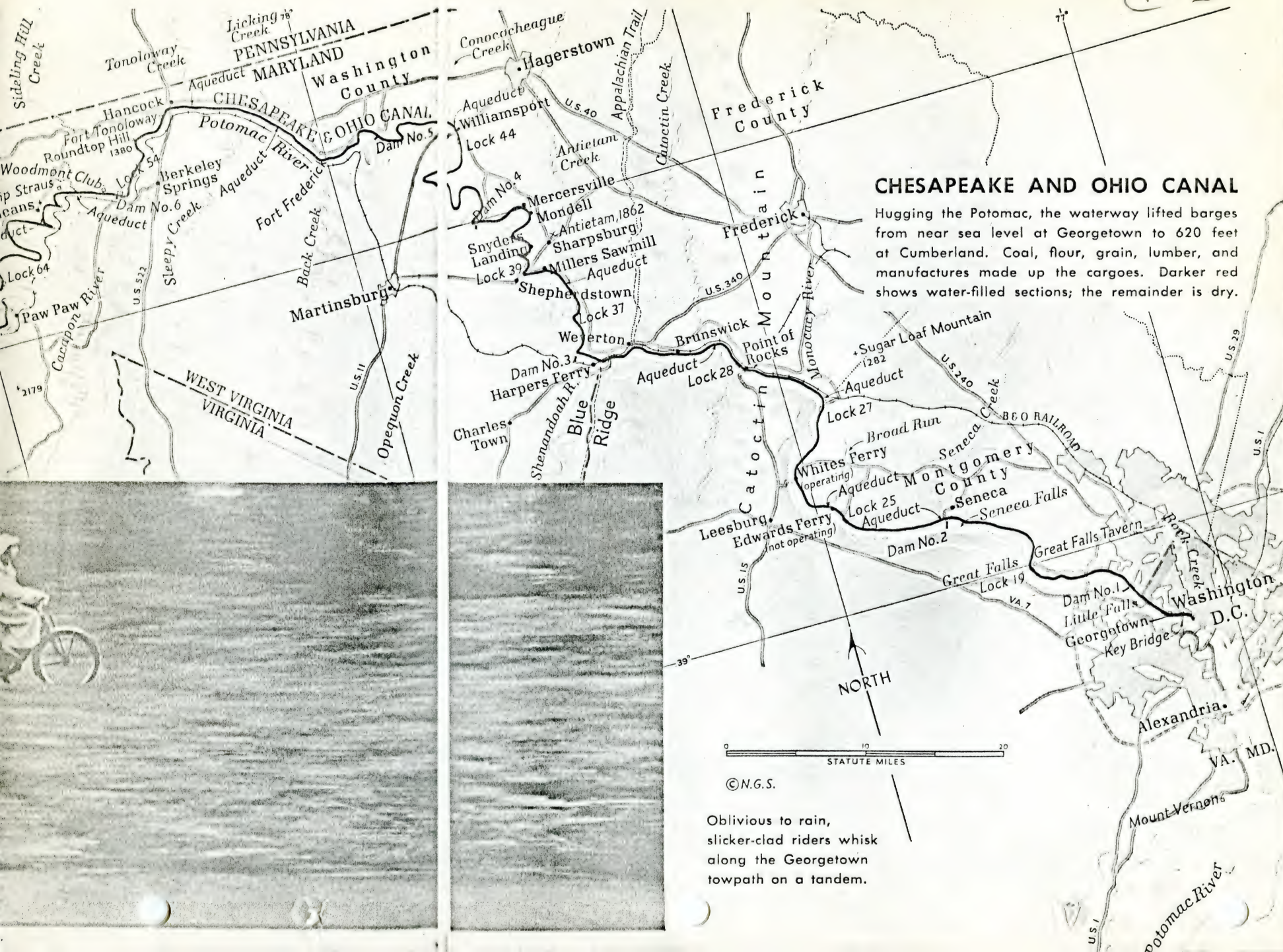
Bert Hindmarch
President, Hammond Historical Society

teamsters and wharf workers.
 "Thirty-six years I worked on the boats.
 They were the hardest, and happiest, days of
 my life.

you'd drive the mules through the night."
 He lifted a wooden model from the top of a
 chest and dusted it carefully.
 "This is a model of the last boat I skippered.

this when we made the record 62-hour run
 from Georgetown to Cumberland. And when
 I towed the last load of coal down to Wash-
 ington in 1923.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1981
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave. Munster	836-2223
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St., Hammond	932-0400
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-7364
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, #113, Hammond	931-9307
Florence Cleveland	8501 B Manor Ave, Munster	836-6174
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Mr. & Mrs. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis St, Whiting	659-6316
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	869-1062
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-3205
Harold Ogg		
Marjorie Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1981

The Board of directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 1981 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The following eleven attended: Herbert Geiger, Alfred Hayes, Dorothy Bemisderfer, Ed Hanish, Charles McGregor, Margaret Gunderson, J. Ralston Miller, Roy Duke, Tom Rutkowski, Bert Hindmarch, Marjorie Sohl.

Mr. Hindmarch pointed out that the order of the responsibilities of the Vice Presidents was in error in the revised by-laws distributed to members with the last Bulletin. He requested that this page, page 4, be corrected and distributed with the next Bulletin.

One deceased member, Roland Tapper, 11/11/81, was brought to our attention.

Margaret Gunderson reported she is still working on a place and speaker for the annual meeting.

It was reported that there was a possibility that Archibald Mc Kinley's column in the Hammond Times each Sunday may be discontinued. Tom Rutkowski moved that the Secretary write the Hammond Times Editor stating that the members of the Hammond Historical Society read and are interested in the contents of his column each week and would like to see it continued. Seconded by Ed Hanish, carried.

Some discussion was held on whether or not Purdue Calumet should be given a free membership in order to receive the Bulletin regularly. No decision.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1981

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 1981 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bert Hindmarch presided. Minutes of the October 18, 1981 meeting were read. An attendance sheet was circulated indicating 33 attending. Roger Reeder reported \$2181.23 in the treasury.

Bert Hindmarch reported the speaker for the January meeting would be Bill Tuley who has recently completed a history of St. John. Bert also reported that on page 4 of the revised by-laws which were sent out to members with the last Bulletin, there was an error in the list of responsibilities of the Vice Presidents and that a correction of that page will be sent out with the next Bulletin.

Mrs. Kathryn Thegze was at today's meeting and was introduced as the new Hammond Public Library employee working in the Calumet Room every Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The membership approved of the recommendation of the Board to send a letter to the Hammond Times Editor supporting the interest in and desire for the continuance of Archibald McKinley's column in each Sunday issue of The Times.

Bert announced that proofs will be out soon for the book on which Kevin Augustyn is working on the architectural heritage of Hammond. The board will consider purchase of some for society members.

Mr. Jerry Kutak introduced the speaker for today, Frank Ingrham, Director of the Hammond YMCA since 1971. Mr. Ingrham told the exciting story of the early development of the YMCA. In the United States, it started in Boston and the early organizer was George Williams. The early emphasis was on Spirit, Mind, and Body, the three sides of the triangle and the circle depicted unity. Health and physical fitness programs developed. Courses in religion were first offered, and gradually others were added. The YMCA pioneered in night school development and in work study plans. They believed in sharing religious experiences but did not wish to become a church or be ecumenical. They stressed the need for religion in a person's life.

The YMCA today has spread to over 90 countries with over 10 million members, 42% of whom are female. Programs are developed as a need is shown. That is how the YM in Hammond developed, as a center to serve railroad men who traveled out on a run and had to stay overnight before they could catch a run back. Mr. Ingrham called upon Anthony Seidler at this point to tell of the beginnings of the Hammond operation.

Mr. Seidler expanded on the early history of the Hammond YMCA that is given in the attached folder of history highlights from its beginning in 1907 at the Gibson yards to the opening of the new facility in 1972.

Mr. Ingrham then continued the story of the development since he came to Hammond in 1971 when the new building minus the pool was opened. The estate of Charles Surprise, an early and constant supporter of the YMCA was left to the YMCA. It turned out to be \$437,000. This made it possible to build a new pool and expand other facilities.

In 1980 the YMCA served 11,847 on a \$450,000 budget per year. The membership is 46% youth, 34% female. It is supported by membership fees, fees from programs, United Way, and its investments. 45% of the Y members live in Hammond, 30% are from Highland and Munster, and the rest from surrounding communities of Lansing, Blue Island, Harvey, Dyer, St. John, Crown Point and others.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

The present membership of over 2,000 persons is indicative of persistent and dedicated service for a worthwhile program to mankind by many individuals in the communities who have given unselfishly of their time, skills, and finances.

A record of the presidents serving the Young Men's Christian Association of the Hammond Area, Inc. is shown below:

Name	Year
Jack S. Osborne	1958
Norman T. Robey	1959
Edward C. Minas, III	1960-1961
R. Thomas O'Neil	1962-1963
G. Edward McHie	1964-1965-1966
Clare E. Oesterle	1967-1968-1969
Richard J. Smith	1970
David M. Taylor	1971
Duane W. Dedelow	1972

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Henry J. Geiger
Anthony E. Seidler
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
September 10, 1972

Loren Norden 74-75
Doug Walsh
Wayne Hartigan 78-80
Frank Rice 1981

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HISTORY OF THE
YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
IN HAMMOND



7322 Southeastern Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46324

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Hammond's first Y.M.C.A. was established in 1907 by the Chicago, Indiana and Southern Railroad Company. When the railroad constructed its general office building at 161st Street and Kennedy Avenue, it built an adjoining 3 story building to house the Y.M.C.A. The site, building and furnishings cost \$25,000. A certified Y.M.C.A. Secretary was hired to operate the 24-hour service, which included dormitory rooms and a cafeteria. These facilities were principally used by railroaders as a "home away from home", but the "Y" was open to the general public. The railroad association was a member of the Indiana State Y.M.C.A. organization.

The Gibson Railroad Y.M.C.A. was probably a deterrent to the formation of a city "Y", but when it terminated in 1958, Hammond then became the largest city in the nation without a Y.M.C.A.

A young man, Jack S. Osborne, believing that Hammond should have a Y.M.C.A., called a meeting on January 31, 1958 of interested people at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters. Twenty-one persons attended, including the Mayor, two representatives of the Y.W.C.A., two representatives of the Gibson Y.M.C.A., the Indiana State Y.M.C.A. Secretary, the Gary Y.M.C.A. Secretary and other individuals and industrial representatives.

Jack Osborne became the first President of the new association and he worked persistently with the State Y.M.C.A. organization during 1958 when the new "Y" was accepted into the State and National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s. A

Board of Directors, from various fields of business was established, a part-time secretary was hired, and office space was rented in the Vale Building on Hohman Ave. The Hammond Y.M.C.A. was really getting started.

It became necessary for Osborne to resign as President in October 1958 due to the lack of time that he could devote to a proposed financial campaign.

Norman T. Robey performed an outstanding job as the next President in piloting the Association through its early stages to an assured future. The Board was ready to employ a full-time staff leader at the end of 1959 to take over a program involving 700 people, with a membership of 900.

A constitution and by-laws were accepted by the Board in January 1960. Growth of the organization continued, which warranted purchase by the Board of an historic house at 5719 Hohman Avenue, and it was officially opened on September 24, 1961. A meditation room as a memorial to Charles Surprise was furnished by his wife. Help provided by church women, along with furniture donated by the Simmons Company made it possible to equip and decorate the second floor rooms for social meetings and luncheons. Throughout the early years of the new organization, substantial financial assistance was often given at critical times by various individuals, companies and service clubs.

General Secretary, George Alsobrooks, was succeeded in June 1963 by Victor L. Peterson, who went forward with an active program, which then had a membership of 930 and activity participation

by 8,000 persons during the year.

The Y.M.C.A. was accepted into the United Community Chest in September 1963 which made certain financial assistance available. The name of the organization was changed in October 1964 to the Young Men's Christian Association of the Hammond Area, Inc., since the program also serviced the communities surrounding Hammond.

Robert Hollier was employed as Program Director on January 1, 1965 succeeding Sam Walkoff. Due to the expanding programs and services needed by the communities, Roger Rodeck was hired as the second Program Director in June of 1967.

A decision was made by the Board of Directors in 1969, after a great deal of study and deliberation, to purchase a 3½ acre vacant tract of land, located at the southwest corner of 173rd Street and Southeastern Avenue, from the Woodmar United Methodist Church. The purchase price was reduced by \$10,000 as a donation by the Church.

Victor Peterson, who resigned as Executive Director on January 15, 1971, had accomplished much during his seven year leadership in raising funds, in helping choose an appropriate location for a Y.M.C.A. building and in expanding the program in general. Mr. Peterson was succeeded by Frank Ingham as Executive Director in March 1971.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the new building site on September 17, 1971 and the building was completed and ready for dedication on September 10, 1972.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, NOVEMBER 15, 1981
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Thomas Rutkowski	1257 Memorial Park, C.C. Ill	862-5164
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond	932-0400
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond	932-5056
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond	844-2022
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey Street, Hammond	932-8459
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2232
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	932-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	932-2045
Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting	659-6316
A. Ferreira	Student	
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond	932-0554
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond	932-8768
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond	845-0493
Helen Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond	931-3771
Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond	931-3771
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting	659-0454
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl Avenue, Hammond	931-9307
Florence Cleveland	8501 -B Manor Avenue, Munster	836-4;76
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond	932-7364
Albert J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond	932-4847
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Seidler	1811 Ridge Road, Munster	838-5184
Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond	
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	
Bert Hindmarch		
Marjorie Sohl		

**Monday,
January 11, 1982**

•The Hammond Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Jan. 17 in the community room of the main Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. Guest speaker will be Bill Tuley.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1982

A Board of Directors meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday January 17, 1982 at the Hammond Public Library. Only five members attended: Bert Hindmarch, Tom Rutkowski, Roland Clarke, Margaret Gunderson and Marjorie Sohl. A brief meeting was held to confirm work that was in progress.

Ken Schoon has been engaged to speak at the February 21, 1982 meeting on the "Geology of the Calumet area, a history of Lake Michigan and how it was formed."

Discussion of the annual meeting centered around a place. It was agreed Harry Black will be asked to be the speaker but until the place and consequently the date can be set, the speaker cannot be engaged. Woodmar Methodist Church said they could not host it because their room is engaged every Tuesday. It was decided to try to get the Pine Street Presbyterian Church to host it. If they can not, we would consider changing the night and go back to Woodmar Methodist for a possible date.

Kevin Augustyn has now had published 650 copies of his work on the Architectural Heritage of Hammond. Since this had been discussed at previous meetings and it was necessary to act at this time, the Board approved the purchase of 400 copies of this publication at \$3.00 each to be distributed to current members and the rest held to be sold.

Since the weather was so bad and only twelve people were out for the meeting, it was decided to cancel the meeting for today and ask Mr. Tuley to return for the March 21 meeting. He agreed to do so. It was agreed to ask Jon Erickson, teacher at George Rogers Clark who swam the English Channel and his father who did it before him, to speak at the April 18 meeting on ~~the~~ experiences.

In the light of today's weather problem, it was decided to list the phone numbers in the newsletter of Bert Hindmarch, 844-3205, Marjorie Sohl, 933-7424, and the library, 931-5100, as places members may call to see if the meeting has been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Attendance:

Tim Erv
Joyce Frejek
Clarence Cole
Rev. Parrish
Isabel Webb
Alice Bollin

Bill Tuley
Tom Rutkowski
Roland Clarke
Margaret Gunderson
Bert Hindmarch
Marjorie Sohl

Region briefly

Agenda

- Ken Schoon will discuss "Geology of the Calumet Area — a History of Lake Michigan and How It Was Formed" at Sunday's meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

The board of directors will meet at 1:30 p.m., and the regular meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. in the community room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1982

The regular monthly meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, February 21, 1982 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Bert Hindmarch presided. Forty-one members and friends signed the attendance sheet. The meeting opened with each one in attendance introducing himself. The next meetings were announced for Sunday, March 21, at which time Bill Tuley will speak on his recently published history of St. John, Indiana, followed by Jon Ericson on April 18, speaking and showing slides on his swimming of the English channel.

Mr. Duke has been making phone calls to members and delinquent members to encourage attendance and dues payments. Mr. Ebert reported that tickets are now available to the Hammond Achievement Award dinner on April 6, at \$18 each. It is jointly sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society and Hammond Rotary and needs membership support. This year the awardee is Dean H. Mitchell of Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Arrangements have been made for the annual meeting to be held on Thursday, May 13, 1982 at the Woodmar Methodist Church at \$6.00 per person. A form for making reservations will be in the April Newsletter.

Mr. Hindmarch asked for reaction to visiting the Studebaker Mansion in South Bend for the annual tour in June or for suggestions of any place else that members would like to visit.

Mr. Hindmarch called attention to the fact that last Wednesday's Chicago Tribune, (Feb. 17) carried an article on John Carlyle and his work on the post office murals. Mr. Carlyle was a speaker before our association last year.

Mr. Hindmarch announced that three new memberships had been received from three people connected with Purdue Calumet: Miss Riesman, Tom Daily, and Dr. Saul Lerner. He then introduced our speaker of the day who also became a member of the Society, Ken Schoon, a geology teacher at Purdue, who spoke on the Geology of the Calumet Region and How it was Formed. By showing a series of slides as he spoke, he illustrated how the earth's surface was created by erosion in waves of wind and water. Man and glaciers are other agents affecting the formation of the land. As glaciers melted and gravity moved them south, they deposited rocks and soil at their melting edge and formed hills and valleys, lakes and rivers. These highland deposits were called moraines. Pin Hook Bog in the Lake Shore Dunes near Chesterton is a lasting result of the glacier age. Several moraines that were formed then can be seen by studying the topography of northern Indiana. The largest in the movement from the north was the Valporiso Moraine, built on top of the old continental divide. Remnants of it can be seen in the Dyer-Schererville area, along the Glenwood-Dyer road, along Route 30 and Indianapolis Blvd., and at the Crown Point South exit on I-65.

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The second moraine was formed along the current Ridge Road or Route 6, called the Calumet Moraine. The wind blown sand can be seen at Ridge Road and Cline, 35th and Broad, and the slow rise to Ridge Road at Wicker Park.

The third shore line or moraine was called the Tolliston Beach area and can be seen north of 165th and Hohman, at 169th and Calumet, and along 15th Street (Tolliston area) in Gary.

There is speculation on if and when a fourth shore line will be created. It is a possibility if and when the rock formations at Niagara Falls erode back far enough to Lake Erie and result in pulling the plug on Lake Michigan to drain it. This is entirely possible because the Falls are eroding at the rate of about five feet a year.

Our area benefitted from the ice age because the glaciers made groove marks in the rock formations and then our top soil which was moved in the melting glacier was deposited in those grooves.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 with refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1982
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave, Munster	836-2223
Thomas E. Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr., Calumet City	862-8234
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut St. Hammond	
Rev. John H. Parrish	1108 Cleveland, Hammond	931-4354
Marie A. Mott	6600 W. 25th Ave. Gary	844-8575
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome F. Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	836-2120
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Keneth J. Schoon	8010 Forest Ave, Munster	836-8593
Kevin Augustyn	7034 Birch Ave. Hammond	845-2926
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak, Hammond	845-4196
Jan Ree Sinman	6546 Nebraska Ave, Hammond	844-5917
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, #113A, Hammond	931-9307
Gerald Pool	6824 Idaho Avenue, Hammond	844-2470
Maude Poole	6824 Idaho Avenue, Hammond	844-2470
Nina Cravens	423 Florence St, Hammond	831-8824
Karen Bitner	5111 Sohl Ave, Hammond	931-3666
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Jule K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-3029
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2232
Mrs. Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond	932-7287
Henrietta Gillespie	5661 Sohl Ave. Hammond	931-9043
Mary-Agnes Ryband	230 - 156th Place, Calumet City	891-0312
Kira K. Kimmel-Novalich	7540 Columbia Ave, Hammond	931-8974
Geraldine R. Bartels	223 Timrick Dr. Munster	836-4174
Wilma Eaton	1573 - 177th Place, Hammond	844-3779
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville	865-8494
Betty and Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis St. Whiting	659-
Jim and Corinne Adams	1721 Stanton St. Whiting	
Bert Hindmarch		
Marjorie Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, March 21, 1982

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Roger Reeder in the absence of the president, Bert Hindmarch on Sunday, March 21 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-nine members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Mr. Reeder announced the next meeting on April 18 at 2:30 p.m. will feature Jon Erikson, Hammond teacher, who swam the English Channel three times. Each person present introduced himself.

Marjorie Sohl appealed to members to support the third annual Hammond Achievement Award dinner on April 6, co-sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society and Hammond Rotary at which time Dean H. Mitchell of NIPSCO will be honored.

Katherine Thegze mentioned recent donations to the Calumet Room from the Carl Kleihege family, the Margaret Kelley family and some abstracts of early Hammond homes. Mr. Solon had arranged to donate some things concerning early history of Hammond Tech but has since discovered that they will have a history room at the new career center and the material will be kept there.

Margaret Gunderson announced the annual dinner meeting for Thursday, May 13 at the Woodmar Methodist Church. Harry Black of Hammond will be the speaker on his recently published book, "Trails to Hoosier Heritage." Ham loaf dinner will be \$6.00. A reservation form will be included in the next newsletter.

Roger Reeder reminded all that dues will be due again on May 31. Plans are to mail all members another publication in May, Kevin Augustyn's about-to-be published book on Hammond's Historical and Architectural Survey.

Roger Reeder introduced today's speaker, Bill Tuley, author of the Historical Society's publication of a few years ago on the Hammond Braves, and recently published book on the history of St. John, Indiana, 1837-1980. Bill was raised and attended school in Hammond. After he returned from the service in World War II, he moved to St. John where he became active in politics. He served 17 years as town president before he retired from political life in 1979. He was given an award by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns for his outstanding service. It was only the third such award given by them.

Because of the need he felt while in office, he had decided to research and write down after he retired the history of the community. The book is dedicated to those pioneers who came to this area, mostly from Germany, and stayed to build homes and arm the land and enjoy the privileges of owning land in a free country. Their community established near Brunswick was known as Western Prairie or Prairie West. John Hack left Germany in 1837 and came to the wilderness now known as St. John where there were only a few white settlers near Brunswick and a few roving Indian tribes. He was born in 1787 in the Rhine province near France called Niederlowsheim which is still there today. Why he came here is not known, but he brought his

family of eleven children here, probably to own and live off the land. The next year four more families from the same German community joined him: Schmall, Ort, Adler and Reeder. Two years after he settled there, he bought 40 acres east of Rout 41 for an unknown amount. He apparently was financially successful, because in only a few years, in 1844, he purchased 150 acres on the west side of Route 41. More families arrived: Andrew Cameron owned a saloon and was a teacher; Joseph Stark returned after participating in the 1849 gold rush; George Gerlock was a merchant; Frances Keilman ran the largest general store in Lake County and was the town postmaster for 29 years; John M. Field was the village blacksmith for 40 years and Peter Thielan plotted the town. Hack soon saw the need for a church and constructed a frame one on his property in 1839, the first Catholic Church in Lake County. A split soon developed and a priest and 18 families left that church and met in the home of John Field. The dissidents group built a church two years later.

There were two major events in 1846. The first school was built and the first post office was established. It needed a name. At a town meeting they voted to honor the founder by using his first name, John, and adding beauty to the name by putting a St. in front of it. The town grew slowly and Peter Thielan, son-in-law of John Hack, set about the task of plotting the town. He plotted thirty-three lots in the center of town east of Route 41 and they were recorded in Crown Point in 1881. Business was at its peak in the late 1800's and early 1900's. In 1911 John Miller led a campaign for a referendum to establish a municipal government. In 1920 there was a drive to establish a lighting system which was leased to NIPSCO in 1925. Nearby communities developed more business than St. John. Nearby Crown Point boomed as the county seat and St. John went into a holding pattern after it was incorporated. People were very clanish and discouraged new business.

After World War II and in the 1960-80 period the economy was good. People had cars so they moved out of the big cities to the north and commuted to work. The population increased from 800 to 4000 today.

Mr. Tuley quite dramatically detailed the event on Feb. 21, 1971 that put St. John on the map, when their police chief, James Larrimore, and three state troopers were shot and killed when they approached a car in a school parking lot for questioning. The two men who did it were sentenced to life imprisonment. This year they both applied for clemency and Mr. Tuley testified against it's being granted.

Mr. Tuley fielded several questions from the audience before the meeting adjourned at 3:35 when coffee, tea and cookies were enjoyed during conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1982
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave, Munster	836-2223
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Mrs. Arthur L. Ostrander	17933 Torrence Ave, Lansing	
Mrs. Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St, Lansing	474-3435
Corene Porter	8659 Manor Ave, Munster	836-9166
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond	933-0715
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond	931-2232
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5711 Sohl Ave, Hammond	931-9307
William T. Tuley	12050 Wildwood Dr. St. John	365-5177
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville	865-8494
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Thomas J. Alelunas	7210 New Jersey Ave. Hammond	844-2003
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr, Munster	838-5860
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond	932-0554
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Gehrke	1732 Davis St, Whiting	659-6316
Thomas C. Rutkoski	1239 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	862-8234
Marjorie Sohl		
Roger Reeder		

ANNUAL HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DINNER



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DEAN H. MITCHELL

April 6, 1982

PROGRAM

INVOCATION	<i>Rev. John Parrish</i>
MASTER OF CEREMONY	<i>Sam Sax</i>
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	<i>Sam Sax</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
Keys to the City of Hammond	<i>Mayor Edward J. Raskosky</i>
Hammond Rotary Club President	<i>Clyde Rector</i>
Hammond Historical Society President	<i>Bert Hindmarch</i>
HONORED GUEST	<i>Dean H. Mitchell</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Rev. John Parrish</i>

BRIEF HISTORY

The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond or spent a significant number of years in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in the field of the arts, science or business and industry; and who was not from the same field of endeavor as the previous awardee. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The first award was presented in 1980 to Irv Cross, former professional football star and current CBS sportscaster and business executive.

The second award was presented in 1981 to Jean Shepherd, nationally known author and humorist, radio and TV producer and director and public speaker.

This year, 1982, we honor Dean H. Mitchell, former chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company; local, state and national leader in the gas and electric industry, in the manufacturing professional organizations and Chambers of Commerce, and in local charitable endeavors.

Sponsored by:

Hammond Rotary and Hammond Historical Society

DEAN H. MITCHELL

Dean H. Mitchell is well known in both the gas and electric industries, having spent more than fifty-four years in the utility field--forty-three of them as chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company. Early struggles taught him some of the things that keyed his successes. Hard work was one.

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, he spent most of his life in the Midwest. When he was thirteen, his family moved to Elgin, Illinois, where his mother opened a general store to support Dean and a younger sister. During his boyhood, Dean worked as a clerk. He once commented, "Our rule was never offend a customer." He had to learn tact, diplomacy and how to melt stubborn minds with soft words. This was a priceless lesson in human relations which Mr. Mitchell feels is the key to success in any field.

Upon graduation from Elgin High School, he entered the University of Chicago and majored in economics. When American entered World War I, he enlisted as a Navy seaman and emerged an ensign. He continued his education in the study of law at Northwestern University. It was at this point in his career that he took a job as a storekeeper at Gary tin mill. On June 26, 1920, he was married to Doris Wainright, an Elgin girl who taught school in Gary. They moved to Hammond in 1934 and have lived here ever since.

In 1924 his utility career began with the Calumet Gas and Electric Company which later became NIPSCO. He learned the utility business from the ground up, having served as auditor, controller, general manager, vice-president, a director, and then president and chairman of Northern Indiana Public Service Company. He is currently a director, consultant and chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee.

When he took over the leadership of NIPSCO, its gross revenues were \$12 million with a plant investment of \$69 million. At his retirement on July 1, 1978, NIPSCO's gross revenues exceeded \$872 million and its plant investment was almost \$2 billion.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1982

The monthly meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Bert Hindmarch, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, 1982 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-six members and guests signed the attendance sheet.

Margaret Gunderson reported the details for the annual dinner meeting on Thursday, May 13 at the Woodmar Methodist Church at \$6.00 each. She encouraged all to make their reservations with the secretary as early as possible.

Mr. Hindmarch asked that ideas for a spring or fall tour be given to any of the officers soon.

Roger Reeder reported that the treasury was down to \$1258 because of the recent purchase of the Historical and Architectural Survey which will be mailed to members in May. He also reminded all that dues are due in May.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, Jon Erikson, a resident of Chicago, but a physical education teacher at Hammond's Spohn Middle School and swim team coach at George Rogers Clark High School.

Jon gave some historical background to English Channel swimming which dates back over one hundred years to the first crossing in 1875 in twenty-two hours by Captain Mathew Webb. Since then over two thousand attempts have been made, only 20% of them successfully. The first American woman to succeed was Gertrude Ederle in 1926 in 14½ hours.

Jon gave three reasons for most of the failures: the weather, the tide, the coldness of the water. The area is often in fog and an extended clear spell is hard to predict. The course must allow for the fact that every six hours the tide goes in the opposite direction and to swim across, you must swim an S curve. The water in late summer is 58° - 62°F. which feels much colder than 58°F air temperature. Other problems the channel swimmer faces are mental fatigue, cramps, swallowing of salt water, bites by jelly fish and stings by man-of-war, floating debris like logs and oil slicks, and ship traffic in the channel lanes.

Jon said that the best preparation for a channel swim is to swim a lot. He swam at least ten miles a day for at least three months before the attempt, usually about five miles in Lake Michigan and five miles in a pool. He pointed out the importance of a layer of fat on a channel swimmer. It gives buoyancy, insulation from the cold, and is a source of stored energy. He felt his failure in 1968 was because of lack of fat. On his tripple channel swim, he lost 18 pounds of solid weight.

Mr. Erikson stressed that one must not only prepare himself physically for the swim but also mentally. Sensory deprivation sets in early in a swim when all the senses are cut down drastically. While concentration is such an important requisite in some individual sports,

the lonely channel swimmer must not concentrate on what he is doing. Instead Jon hummed to himself and tried to keep a positive mental attitude by thinking of all the good things that had happened to him in the past and would happen in the future.

At this point, a twenty-five minute silent movie was shown that was put together by Jon and his father during the preparation and the swim and Jon made comments thruout.

The film showed his father doing some lake swimming with floating chunks of ice still around to show that marathon swimmers can handle cold water. Jon started his training for the summer channel swim in January and February with light weight lifting to develop some strength, loosen joints and do flexibility exercises. In late February he began long swims in pools. The average 25 yard pool requires 72 lengths for a mile and one soon feels like a yo-yo if doing long swims in a pool. Therefore it helped to have someone swim with him. By early April he began bicycle riding on Chicago bike paths, rode to the lake for a swim in the lake and rode back home. By June he started swimming at least ten miles a day and about every ten days he would do a longer 15 mile swim. Waves in the lake were great fun as well as good training for the sometimes choppy channel. By August he felt he was ready. Late July to late September is the best period when the water is warmest it will be and the chances are best for good weather. On August 11, 1981 he left from Shakespeare Beach in Dover, England with his guide boat in poor weather but with a prediction of good weather coming. It did and that was a factor in his successful triple swim.

When he started the swim, he had his body covered with a mixture of lanolin and vaseline. It helps to keep you warm for a few hours, wards off jelly fish bites, and lubricates the under arm friction. He wore a cap to preserve heat loss out the top of his head and wore goggles to be able to see better. He swam free style all the way. They may swim any stroke or combination of strokes they wish. Observers of the Channel Swim Association ride on the guide boat to see that the rules are observed. No one can touch you during the crossing. Food, about 400 calories in liquid form, is passed to you about hourly on the end of a rod. On a multiple crossing, you must walk clear in to shore out of the water and you have 10 minutes to get back in.

A good guide boat captain is an advantage because he sets your course and tries to get you in in good time--which is a recommendation for him for his next job. He also gets publicity out of successful swims. The final yards are the toughest when the guide encourages you to sprint in and you are at the end of your energy. However, it is a most satisfying feeling when you finish--which he did in 38½ hours for the triple crossing. He was so excited he slept for only four hours, for the celebration and interviews followed. He was fortunate to have his triple swim sponsored by Leo Knoerzer.

Reasons he gave for swimming were that it is a healthy thing to do; that he gained in social interactions and also financially when he was able to swim summers with the professional swimming circuit and earn his way thru college.

He got started in marathon swimming thru his father's interest, proficiency and encouragement in it. His father was a lake marathon swimmer and Jon tried to emulate him. Soon he set goals of his own that eventually became an obsession for him. His goal to make the first triple crossing was not reached quickly or easily. In 1979 he had to quit after 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ crossings because of bad weather. In 1980 he was able to accomplish only two single crossings. But in 1981 with a lot of help from the man upstairs and a break of forty hours of good weather, he was able to reach his goal.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with refreshments and conversation.

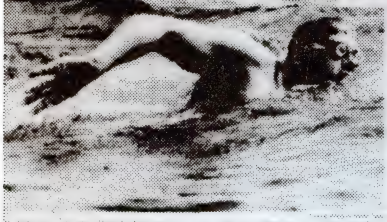
Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



Lake swims helped me beat Channel, Chicagoan says



Teacher in the swim on 4th, covers 37 miles in lake

By Mike Traynor
While swimming across the lake, Jon Erikson, 14, of Chicago, said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim. He said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim. He said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim.

Swimmer Conquers English Channel 3 Times — Non-Stop



Factor of three caught up in the news as the Channel 3 swimmer, Jon Erikson, 14, of Chicago, said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim. He said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim. He said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim.

Dover Express

TRIPLE CHANNEL 14

JON'S THREE-WAY SWIM TRIUMPH

AUGUST 14, 1981
Price 10¢
Number 6184

It's man against the elements—by choice

Chicagoan, 14, swims channel



Our own channel swimmer breasts tide of questions

By Thomas J. Moore
Jon Erikson, 14, of Chicago, said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim. He said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim. He said he was thinking about the Channel 3 swim.

Chicagoan swims Channel 3 times

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ERIKSON SETS CHANNEL MARK

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THE GUARDIAN

Crawl into history

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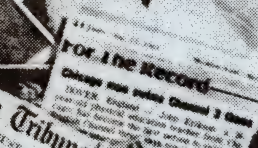
Three-way Jon coasts to victory



Triple channel swim Erikson's last marathon

By Hugh Hough
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TOAST TO A CHAMP



For the Record

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Chicago Tribune

ERIKSON TO ATTEMPT SWIM

Like father, like son

Jon, the Channel Swimmer

He plans again for trip swimming of channel

JON (14) COLLECTED ANOTHER RECORD FOR THE ERIKSONS

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1982
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Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	862-2389
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Ave, Hammond	933-0411
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Bill Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
W. C. Hector	Hammond	932-7934
John F. Wilhelm	Munster	836-2223
Ethel C. Wilhelm	Munster	836-2223
Dorothy Bemisderfer	Hammond	931-9307
Margery Hindmarch	Hammond	844-3205
Theo. J. Shatkowski	Hammond	844-2913
Helen D. Shatkowski	Hammond	844-2913
Helen Fullgraf	5111 Sohl Ave, Hammond	932-7218
Eunice Barrett	8135 Frederick Ave, Munster	836-5634
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Maude Poole	6824 Idaho Ave, Hammond	844-2470
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Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Viola Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Hammond	844-3205
Kathleen Lawless	DePue, Il. 61322	
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Genevieve Kendzurski	Calumet City, Il.	
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak, Hammond	
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St. Hammond	932-0400
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham, Hammond	932-0554
Mrs. J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham, Hammond	932-0554
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave. Hammond	933-7424

**Wednesday,
May 12, 1982**

N. Lake briefly

Places to go

- The Community Hospital's education department is sponsoring a film and lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday on battered women.

The guest speaker will be from the The Caring Place, a shelter for battered women. The program will be held at 901 McArthur Blvd., Munster. More information and registration is available by calling 219-836-1600, extension 1296.

- The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Woodmar United Methodist Church, 7320 Northcote Ave.

The featured speaker will be Harry Black, who will show slides on his book "Trails to Hoosier Heritage."

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1982

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Thursday, May 13, 1982, at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodmar United Methodist Church, 7320 Northcote Avenue, Hammond. President Bert Hindmarch welcomed the fifty-four members and friends attending. Rev. James S. Hook gave the invocation. The women of the church served a ham loaf dinner.

Following dinner everyone was asked to move to the church sanctuary for the business meeting and program. The business meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Minutes of the May 12, 1981 meeting were read and approved.

Roger Reeder commented on the treasurer's report included on the printed program. He explained that our balance was down now because we had paid for the printing of two books this year, the second just having been mailed out this month. Dues are now due.

Bert Hindmarch summarized the year's activities and programs. Our annual tour was flooded out in June but held in September when Kevin Augustyn led us on a "drive-by" of many of the houses and buildings included in his recently published book "Hammond Historical and Architectural Survey." Frank Ingrahm and Anthony Seidler summarized the history of the YMCA in Hammond. Harold Ogg took us on a pictorial tour of the early canals. A snow storm cancelled our January meeting with Bill Tuley but he returned later to present the history of St. John. Ken Schoon gave us the geological background of our area and Jon Erikson, by words and pictures, described his triple-crossing swim of the English channel. Mr. Hindmarch acknowledged help received from his board and officers; honored the ten past presidents of the organization that were present; paid tribute to one, Verlyn Mack, who this week was honored for having presented 204 programs, reaching over 10,000 people, on the evils of smoking, all done after his own bout with cancer. The committee for the Hammond Achievement Award was mentioned as well as the efforts of the Society to have Mrs. Kathryn Thegze appointed to work in the Calumet Room of the library.

Roger Reeder, Chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers and directors for the coming year:

President - Jerome Kutak
1st Vice President - Programs - Bert Hindmarch
2nd Vice President - Membership - Roy Duke
3rd Vice President - Publicity - Marie Mott
4th Vice President - Projects - Jules Ebert
5th Vice President - Annual Dinner - Conchetta Geis
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Roger Reeder
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1986
 Kevin Augustyn
 Margaret Gunderson
 J. Ralston Miller
 Melvin Spangler
 Kathryn Thegze

There being no further nominations, Mr. Sol Lerner moved that the

nominated slate be declared elected. Mrs. Verlyn Mack seconded it, carried. The new officers were introduced.

Mrs. Nina Cravens conducted a memorial service for the five departed members: Irv Cheyken, Robert Heinze, Margaret Kelley, Roland Tapper, and Helen Woods.

Rev. James S. Hook, current minister of the host church, had asked Anthony Seidler to give the early history of the establishing of the Woodmar United Methodist Church and then he followed with the more current history and the programs and projects of the church now. Transcripts of their comments are attached.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the evening, Harry Black, a local author who has recently published his third book, "Trails to Hoosier Heritage." During the evening, Harry took us on a pictorial tour of Indiana by showing his slides of places in Indiana featured in the book and told some of the colorful history of the places visited. We started at Bailly town in Northwest Indiana and circled south to the Ohio River and back up north on the eastern side of the state to return to the Michigan City lighthouse. Since his book has come out he has been directed to many other historical spots in Indiana and has started to gather material for another book. This summer he is publishing a similar book on places in Illinois.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Hook took a group on a tour of the rest of the church facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1982
ATTENDANCE

Fern Arnold
Foster Arnold
Ruth Arnold
Dorothy Bemisderfer
Harry Black
Marilyn Black
Roland Clarke
Mrs. Roland Clarke
Florence Cleveland
Nina Cravens
Daryl Dunsing
Mrs. Daryl Dunsing
Jules Ebert
Alice Fuzy
Conchetta Geis
Margaret Gunderson
Alfred Hayes
Mrs. Alfred Hayes
Wallace C. Hector
Bert Hindmarch
Mrs. Bert Hindmarch
Rev. James S. Hook
Mrs. James S. Hook
Barbara Hooper
Mr. Hooper
Hooper Daughter
Willard Jonas
Mrs. Willard Jonas
Jerome Kutak
Carol Kutak

Sol Lerner
Hazel Lindstrom
Thomas Luney
Mrs. Thomas Luney
Verlyn Mack
Mrs. Verlyn Mack
Dr. O. L. Marks
Roger Reeder
Mrs. Roger Reeder
Jan Riesenman
Anthony Seidler
Mrs. Anthony Seidler
Theodore Shatkowski
Mrs. Theodore Shatkowski
Marjorie Sohl
Melvin Spangler
Mrs. Melvin Spangler
Bill Thegze
Mrs. Kathryn Thegze
Leona Wellsand
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John Wilhelm
Mrs. John Wilhelm
Caroline Hohman

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Treasurer - Roger Reeder

Directors - Term Expiring May, 1986

Kevin Augustyn

Margaret Gunderson

J. Ralston Miller

Melvin Spangler

Kathryn Thegze

Nominating Committee

Roger Reeder, Chairman

Roy Duke

Bert Hindmarch

Marjorie Sohl

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WOODMAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The South Bend District Missionary Society took the following action on April 16, 1950 toward the Establishment of a Methodist Church in the Woodmar Residential Section of Hammond:

"J. M. Cox moved that a lot for a new church be purchased this year in the Woodmar Area of Hammond in the vicinity of the new Purdue University Extension. E. B. Martin presented this amendment: That the Committee to function in this regard include the District Supt. (P. B. Smith), the President of the District Missionary Society (R. M. Dunn) and three others, namely Karl Minas, Lee Caldwell and William Lowrey."

Bishop Richard C. Raines stated in February 1952, while making an inspection tour of the Woodmar District conducted by Karl Minas and Ralph Dunn, that he would assume the responsibility for securing an outstanding minister for assignment to a new Woodmar Church; provided that the two laymen would agree to underwrite the first year's budget, if needed, and with the assistance of the District Missionary Society assure an adequate church site and acquire a parsonage.

A six acre plot of land was purchased in April 1952 when Messrs Dunn and Minas each put up \$500 cash and the down payment of \$1,000 was made and the ~~the~~ *transaction* consummated. The District Missionary Board also granted a loan of \$2,500 toward securing a suitable parsonage.

It was agreed that the First Minister would be Richard C. Thistle and Rev. Thistle served Woodmar from 1952-1959.

On Sunday, September 21, 1952, 91 persons assembled in the Hessville American Legion Hall to attend the First Worship Service of the Woodmar Methodist Church.

Within 3 weeks the fledgeling church had outgrown this location and had moved to the American Legion Hall in Highland, Ind.

Subsequent Pastors at Woodmar served in the following order:

Richard L. Lancaster

John P. Adams

John D. Wolf

James S. Hook

The Congregation moved into the first unit (The Community Center) on October 4, 1953.

Services were held in the newly completed Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1957.

A new Christian Education Building and various improvements in the complex were completed in November, 1968.

Woodmar United Methodist Church sold a 3-1/2 acre vacant tract of land on the west side of Southeastern Avenue to the YMCA in 1969. Our Church can rightfully be proud to have joined hands with the YMCA in helping their worthwhile Christian Organization to become established as our neighbor.

Woodmar, which from its founding has been dedicated to community outreach and involvement, celebrated its 25th Anniversary in October, 1977.

Reverend James Hook has been with us since 1972, the longest term of service of any of our Spiritual Leaders, for which our congregation is grateful. Pastor Hook has kindly agreed to give us a brief summation of the present program and future goals of the Church.

Anthony Seidler
April 29, 1982



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May 13, 1982

The strength of Woodmar Church remains in her diverse and dedicated laity. Her membership includes both professional and blue collar workers. Many community leaders, business leaders and a state representative are among her ranks.

A new experience for the congregation was the appointment by the Bishop in May of 1981 of a female cleric, in the person of Rev. Susan Duncan Messenger, an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. She is scheduled to be ordained as an Elder of the Church in May of 1983. The congregation very quickly learned to appreciate her skills and the feminine qualities which she was able to bring to the leadership of our parish.

The programs of our congregation can be characterized as diverse as we seek to minister to the respective needs of our membership. Our membership reflects the chronological make up of the community and so we have many young persons, middle aged persons and some older persons. To capitalize on the richness that each age group has to offer we try to have many inter-generational programs such as our retreat last weekend in which persons of retirement age spent two days together with persons just out of high school in a spiritual sharing that meant a great deal to all.

A project designed to add aesthetic interest to our somewhat liturgically sterile sanctuary is the work of an Altar Guild Task Force. Under the leadership of Kay Weichsel this task force is completing 18 banners--9 of symbols

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and 9 of scenes from the life of Jesus.

Another program which is unique to Woodmar, but which during this past year has had to be minimized just out of lack of time, is the training of lay people to be of help to others as "Creative Listeners". We are presently seeking Foundation Funding to help strengthen this program and extend its parameters.

Recently, the church established the WOODMAR FOUNDATION which is a vehicle for receiving estates and other income from wills, annuities, etc. The church was the recent beneficiary of an estate; the details of which will be public in the near future.

In 1983 Woodmar is scheduled to pay off its mortgage. This will allow even further strengthening of the program ministries and outreach of our congregation.



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JAMES S. HOOK:

1. Born south of Fort Wayne, Indiana.
2. Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.
3. Master's Degree in Theology from Evangelical Theological Seminary.
4. Master's Degree in Psychology and Psychotherapy from DePaul University in Chicago.
5. Studied Focusing under Dr. Gendlin of the University of Chicago.
6. This month he completes 10 years of service here at Woodmar Church and 30 years of service in the United Methodist Church.
7. The father of four grown children.

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HAMMOND, INDIANA



TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

MAY 13, 1982

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
22nd ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 13th, 1982 6:30 p.m.

Woodmar United Methodist Church
7320 Northcote Avenue, Hammond

WELCOME.....Mr. Bert Hindmarch

INVOCATION.....Rev. James S. Hook

* DINNER *

Move to the Church for meeting & program.

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
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Roger Reeder

MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Nina Cravens

In Memory of:

Irv Cheyken Margaret Kelley
Robert Heinze Roland Tapper
Helen Woods

"HISTORY OF THE WOODMAR UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH...Anthony Seidler and Rev. James S. Hook

"TRAILS TO HOOSIER HERITAGE".....Harry G. Black

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

* DINNER CHAIRMAN - Miss Margaret Gunderson *

OFFICERS

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President.....Bert Hindmarch

1st Vice President.....Jerome Kutak

2nd Vice President.....Roy Duke

3rd Vice President.....Herbert Geiger

4th Vice President.....Jules Ebert

5th Vice President.....Margaret Gunderson

Secretary.....Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer.....Roger Reeder



DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1982

Mr. Herbert Geiger
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman
Mrs. Edward Hayward
Mr. J. Rolston Miller
Mrs. Ruth Whitman

Term thru May, 1984

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer
Mr. Tom Ruthowski
Mrs. Wanda Seevers
Mr. James Towle

Term thru May, 1983

Mr. Edward Hayward
Mrs. Henry Hoyles
Mr. Charles McGregor
Mrs. H. E. Miner
Mrs. Anna Stevesand

Term thru May, 1985

Mr. Roland Clarke
Mr. Edward Hanish
Mr. Alfred Hayes
Mrs. Tom Luney
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1981 to April 30, 1982

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1981.....\$2,135.93

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$1,021.00
Bicentennial Book.....	50.00
Dinner.....	393.30
Honorarium.....	25.00
Refund-Bus Tour.....	128.40
Bus Tour.....	160.00
Book Sales.....	21.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,798.70</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter.....	\$ 4.85
Postage.....	230.00
Supplies.....	19.82
Books.....	1,676.00
Dinner.....	459.00
Honorarium.....	50.00
Bus Tour.....	128.40
Miscellaneous.....	80.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,648.07</u>

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1982 \$1,286.56

LIFE MEMBER ENDOWMENT FUND April 30, 1982 \$ 454.58

PAST PRESIDENTS

1959 to 1981

Mr. John Wilhelm	Mr. Gordon Whitney
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.*	Mr. Verlyn Mack
Mr. Edward B. Hayward	Mrs. Nina Cravens
Mrs. Vincent Bower	Mrs. Leona Schreiber
Mr. George Nelson	Mr. Kurt Marx*
Mr. Anton Tapper*	Miss Fern Arnold
Mrs. Mary Peters*	Mrs. Willard Jonas
Mrs. Harry Wilson	Mrs. Grace Mack
Mr. Walter Bell*	Mr. Charles McGregor
Mrs. Henry Cleveland	Mr. Jules Ebert
Miss Marjorie Sohl	Mr. Bert Hindmarch

Deceased